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All lives matter



"Black lives matter!" is the cry that came out of Ferguson, Missouri, when white police officer Darren Wilson shot and killed a young unarmed black man, Michael Brown. "Burn it down!" shouted the victim's stepfather. Ferguson erupted in flames. Rioting, looting and rock-throwing ensued. The cops were accused of being racists.

When the flames died out, many local businesses were destroyed, and some will never be rebuilt. These businesses employed many neighborhood folks who now have no job.

Ferguson fueled distrust of police officers in black neighborhoods around the country and more riots, more burning, more violence against the police, and more demands to charge police officers with crimes, including murder.

As the saying goes, be careful what you wish for. Six officers have been charged with crimes in Baltimore. The police have gotten the message loud and clear and have backed off. The results have been disastrous. Murder rates have skyrocketed. Where's the outrage now? Where's the cry "black lives matter" when dozens, even hundreds of black youth will be murdered because of how these communities treated the local police? In Baltimore, murder rates are now at record highs.

For decades, police officers around the country have been willing to put their lives on the line to protect law-abiding citizens in crime-infested neighborhoods. But what many are not willing to do is to become targets of hate, violence and the possibility that they will be drummed out of their chosen professions in disgrace, risking their reputation and possible imprisonment for doing the jobs that they were trained to do.

Darren Wilson was drummed out of his job. But when the smoke cleared and the facts were presented, after all that rioting, looting, burning and cries that "black lives matter," no local, federal or civil charges were pursued. The whole episode is a tragedy.

Black lives do matter, and in order to save the hundreds of black lives that will surely be lost because the police have backed off, leaders in this country need to find the reset button and beg police officers to resume protecting these neighborhoods as they know best.

Policing often looks ugly. Cops sometimes make mistakes. But they are saving lives in crime-ridden neighborhoods every day. Black, white, red or yellow, all lives matter!

As one who works every day to improve the lives of all of our children, especially those from poor neighborhoods, I know we need to find a better way to communicate. I, for one, want a serious conversation on race.

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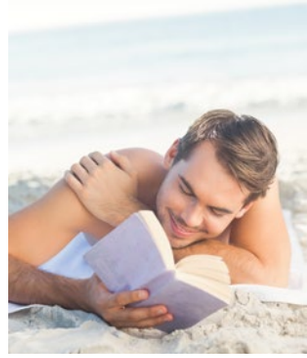
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14 HOT READS Another summer, another Hippo book guide with the latest, hottest beach reads. We asked local librarians and bookstore employees to recommend their favorite new books for you to pack in your beach bag or download onto your e-reader. We've also got results from our first-ever online poll that asked you, Hippo readers, what, where and how you like to read.

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NEWS & NOTES

Budget standoff

After several days of House and Senate negotiators making the finishing touches on the state budget, Gov. Maggie Hassan threw down the gauntlet. She criticized the budget, crafted almost entirely by Republicans, as being "fiscally irresponsible and unbalanced" and said she would veto it if budget writers didn't go back to the drawing board to address her concerns. In particular, Hassan wants them to roll back business tax cuts or offset them with alternative sources of revenue, and she wants to see expanded Medicaid and state employee pay raises accounted for. NHPR reported Hassan characterized the tax cuts as benefitting only the top few corporations.

But compromise seems unlikely any time soon. Republican leaders shot back, saying they've compromised in the budget already. The budget was passed the day after the veto threat without any significant changes asked for by the governor. Senate President Chuck Morse said Hassan's actions were unproductive and motivated by her political ambitions, implying Hassan plans to run for Kelly Ayotte's U.S. Senate seat.

The $11.3 billion budget compromise between the House and Senate ended up very similar to what the Senate had drafted. The only two Democrats at the negotiating table removed themselves before the vote to approve the final bill.

To keep the government from shutting down, lawmakers are crafting a stopgap measure called a "continuing resolution" that would keep the government funded beyond July 1. The negotiations to follow could last for months. The last continuing resolution passed by the legislature was in 2003 when then-Gov. Craig Benson vetoed the budget. The Union Leader reported it was more than three months before a budget was signed.

Primary update

The day after Republican candidate for president and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush held a rally in Derry (where NHPR reported he touted his experience as governor), the media turned to billionaire Donald Trump, who held a rally at Manchester Community College on June 17. Trump delivered an unscripted, rambling speech hours after The Hollywood Reporter reported the tycoon paid actors $50 each to cheer for him at his announcement rally the day before.

South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham cancelled seven New Hampshire events over the past weekend due to the recent shooting at a church in Charleston, S.C.

Meanwhile, NHPR reported Ohio Gov. John Kasich, still testing the waters of a presidential bid, visited Manchester, Concord and Hudson. New Hampshire was visited by other potential candidates in the days to follow, including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who held a town hall meeting in Hampton, and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, who is expected to announce his candidacy on June 25.

In the Democratic primary, a new poll released by Suffolk University suggests Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is gaining on Hillary Clinton and that name recognition is his biggest hurdle. NHPR reported Sanders was three points behind Clinton among people who know both candidates but 10 points behind Clinton overall.

Women on $10

Activists behind a push to put a woman on U.S. paper currency got good news when Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew announced a woman would be placed on the $10 bill by 2020. New Hampshire U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen was a major supporter of the campaign and proposed a bill that would have convened a committee in the Treasury Department to select a woman to put on the $20 bill. Shaheen staffers told the Hippo the bill hasn't gone up for a vote and Shaheen wrote a letter to President Obama earlier this month urging him to move this forward. The portrait change will appear on the $10 bill because of an earlier decision to redesign it to fight counterfeiting.

Frank Guinta

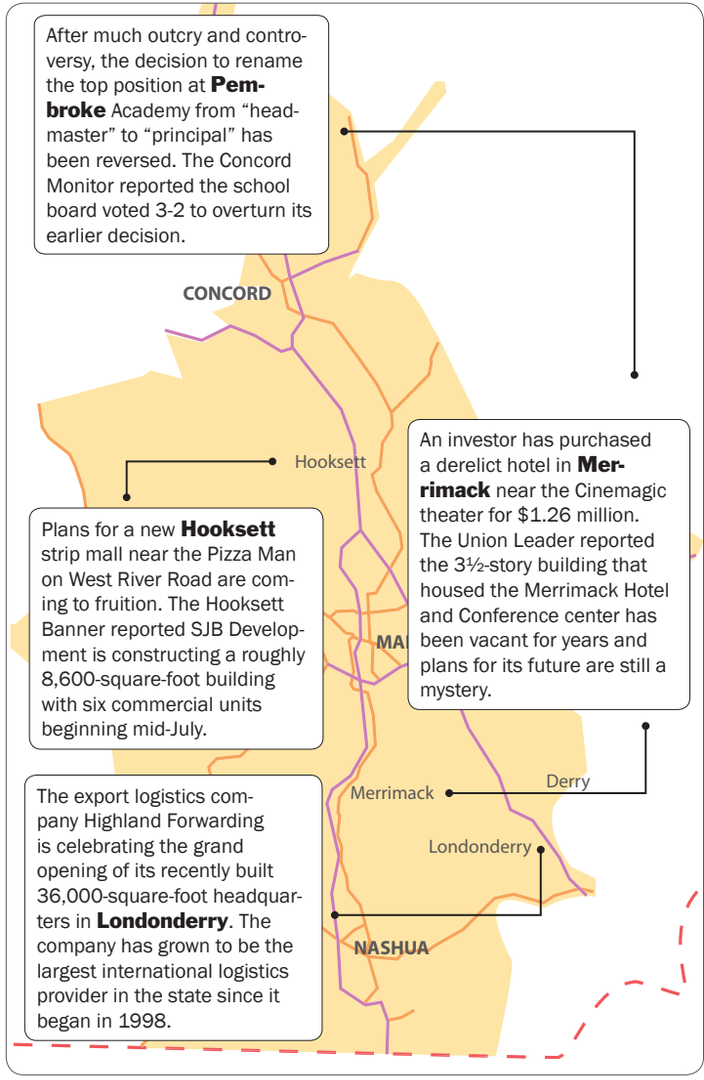
A government watchdog group filed a complaint against 1st District Congressman Frank Guinta following a recent ruling by the Federal Election Commission that he accepted illegal campaign donations from his parents totaling $355,000 in 2010. The AP reported the group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, wants the Office of Congressional Ethics to review Guinta's case. The complaint says he failed to disclose those key assets to the House Ethics Committee. Guinta has long maintained the money was his but the FEC found it belonged to his parents.

Manchester bonds

For the first time since 2011, Manchester has issued more bonds, to borrow $40 million. The Union Leader reported that of the last $52.2 million bonds issued, $43 million was used to build the new Municipal Complex, which includes the new police station. The new $40 million is slated to fund a long list of small items, from replacing city vehicles to renovating school and city facilities. It will also help pay for roadway projects, new LED streetlights, a new drainage system at the Derryfield Country Club and a new citywide emergency radio system. Moody's Investor Service recently downgraded the city's credit rating from Aa3 to Aa2 and cited "elevated debt" as one reason for the downgrade.

Chemicals in blood

After testing 100 out of about 500 blood samples, state health officials say they've found higher than average concentrations of perfluorochemicals in residents contaminated by a well at the Pease International Tradeport in Portsmouth. The Haven well was closed in May 2014 when testing found chemical concentrations 10 times higher than Environmental Protection Agency standards. Health officials say the blood test results are still preliminary and not enough is known about how the chemicals affect humans, if at all.



Bike week wraps up

The 92nd annual Laconia Motorcycle Week wrapped up without any major incidents. NHPR reported police there saw large crowds but virtually no unruly behavior. Thousands took motorcycle tours through the Mount Washington Valley, and periods of bad weather didn't seem to seriously reduce the number of attendees. Numbers of tickets and arrests were down, while there were a few serious accidents. One motorcyclist was killed at an intersection in Gilmanton.

BEST WEEK

DERRY GOLFER

A New Hampshire native from Derry got a chance to compete in the 115th U.S. Open Championship, the Union Leader reported. Rich Berberian Jr. made it into the U.S. Open after qualifying in Purchase, New York. He teed off at Chambers Bay at University Place in Washington on June 18 and, after a rough start, recovered to finish a stroke above Tiger Woods. The 27-year-old did not make the final cut, however. He missed it by 10 shots. Berberian is a golf instructor at the Windham Country Club and the current New England PGA Champion.

WORST WEEK

BRADY SULLIVAN

The Environmental Protection Agency is getting involved in what is perhaps the largest lead paint exposure case in recent New Hampshire memory. NHPR reported the EPA is ordering Brady Sullivan, the owner of luxury apartments in Manchester Mill West, to clean up the building by July 15. If it fails to do so, the EPA has threatened fines or a potential lawsuit. This follows a tenant lawsuit filed against Brady Sullivan after a contractor sandblasted in the building without the proper permits and allegedly spread lead into more than 70 apartment units.

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Laughing gas for labor

Nitrous oxide for childbirth pain is becoming more widely available in the state

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A new pain-relief option for pregnant women in the U.S. is sweeping the nation, and New Hampshire is leading the way. Nitrous oxide has been the most popular childbirth pain reliever in the United Kingdom and Canada for years, while America has been slow to adopt it. But with recent FDA approval, at least half a dozen hospitals in the Granite State are already offering it and are calling it a safe, cheap alternative to traditional pain relief.

The genesis

Nitrous for childbirth is different from the mix used commonly at dentists' offices. It's a 50/50 blend with oxygen. It doesn't knock the patient out. It just helps with the pain. And nitrous is self-administered, meaning the woman in labor holds the gas mask to her face and pulls away when she's had enough. It's not a narcotic or even an anesthetic, since women can still feel pain — they just become ambivalent to it.

Elizabeth Kester is the manager of the birthing suite at Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough.

"We were the first in New Hampshire to [start using nitrous oxide] and one of the first in the country," Kester said.

She brought it up during her job interview, and her supervisors were enthusiastically receptive. After Kester started her new position, she wasted no time. FDA approval for this method came in July 2013, and Monadnock started offering it that October.

"The minute we could buy the equipment, we did," Kester said. "I did not know until last week that we were the first to buy it, in the country, from Pro-Nox."

Pro-Nox is a Canadian company that produces the nitrous cylinders for maternity wards in Canada and the U.K.

In short order, other hospitals followed her example. North Conway's Memorial Hospital was the next to adopt nitrous, followed by St. Joseph in Nashua and Catholic Medical Center and Elliot Hospital in Manchester. The latest hospital to start offering it this month is Wentworth Douglas Hospital in Dover.

"Being a pioneer can be scary, especially in healthcare. It can be hard to be the first person doing it," Kester said. "The normal response for a lot of administrators and risk managers is, 'Let's wait until somebody else will pave the way and we'll learn from their mistakes,' which I totally understand. But that's not really how I roll."

Since the program began about two years ago, Kester estimates about a third of childbirths at her maternity ward involved nitrous. It appeals largely to the expecting mothers who want very minimal medical intervention, though they can switch to an epidural easily after using nitrous since it leaves the mother's system after a couple breaths. So far this year, 25 percent of women have used nitrous at Monadnock and about 8 percent of those women switched to an epidural.

The spread

CMC started using nitrous in its maternity ward last November and about 20 percent of women are already using it. While Kester hasn't noticed a significant drop in epidural use in Monadnock, CMC is reporting a drop in epidural use by 5 percent since nitrous was introduced. And all but one birth involving nitrous were done without a C-section. Kester says epidural use contributes to a greater number of cesareans, so if nitrous catches on, she expects those numbers would also go down.

Nicole Pendenza is the director of women and children services at CMC and says New Hampshire is leading the charge for nitrous use during labor.

"We have a large number of hospitals within just New Hampshire that are using nitrous for labor analgesia," Pendenza said. "Based on the sheer volume [of hospitals that offer it] in our state, we are definitely one of the leaders, for sure."

Pendenza said the gas has proven popular among women and those who used it reported a positive experience.

"The word is spreading that it's a great, viable option for women," Pendenza said.

She said it eliminates the often numbing or sedating effects of narcotics, as well as the risks involved, such as transmission of the drugs to the baby.

In addition to its popularity, a number of other factors contributed to the rapid spread of nitrous in New Hampshire.

For one, virtually all of the maternity ward managers talk to one another, and Kester has been very active in sharing as much information as she can about the option.

"I think it's something that should be available to as many women in this country as possible," Kester said.

Still, she acknowledges that competition was as much a factor as cooperation.

"There are very few hospitals in the state that don't have another hospital close enough to them that a women could [choose between them]," Kester said.

Plus, nitrous providers have been marketing their product aggressively.

"Pro-Nox was basically plunking units in every hospital that they could, as trials," Kester said.

Add to that the fact that nitrous is very easy to use, doesn't require an anesthesiologist to administer it and is easily affordable.

"It's cheap. It's dirt cheap, really," Kester said.

Hospitals are still figuring out how to bill for it. Monadnock is billing only for the cost of supplies while other hospitals may charge a flat fee.

For now, Kester is just glad more women are getting access to nitrous oxide.

College as an employee benefit

SNHU teaming with big companies to provide free and discounted degrees

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Southern New Hampshire University is leading the way for competency-based higher education, partnering with companies that want to make higher ed an employee benefit. The recently announced partnership between the school and Anthem, a major health insurer with offices in New Hampshire, was a new milestone for SNHU's College for America.

Targeting business

When SNHU's College for America made national news for being the first competency-based college institution to obtain federal approval for student aid in 2013, much of the focus was on the comeuppance of the direct assessment model. It was a novel concept for a student to get federal loans or grants for something other than the traditional college credit hour, and it still is. But competency-based learning has been around for a while. College for America builds on what places like Western Governors University in Utah or Excelsior College in New York have done for years.

But what makes CfA unique is that you enroll through your job.

Colin Van Ostern is chief marketing officer for CfA. He says the school's delivery model requires partnerships with the companies that employ its students.

"We primarily just take students through an employer," Van Ostern said. "There are not many other schools that are really focused on workforce development and competency-based education at the same



Manchester's Anthem building seen from the front of the CfA offices. Ryan Lessard photo.

time. I'm not sure I can think of an exact parallel."

Van Ostern says CfA has partnerships with about 65 employers and pilot programs in several others, including McDonald's.

"Right now healthcare is probably where we see the most interest and most students. Insurance and financial services would be second behind that," Van Ostern said.

The healthcare sector is especially interested in CfA's programs because the sector is adding jobs and its front-line jobs are growing more complex, he said.

Other companies partnered with CfA include AmeriHealth, Delta Dental, Erie Insurance Group, Concord Hospital, Catholic Medical Center and Partners HealthCare.

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> COLIN VAN OSTERN

Anthem deal

The recently announced partnership between the school and Anthem, a major health insurer with offices in New Hampshire, was a new milestone for CfA.

"Anthem is the largest employer who's made it completely free for all their employees," Van Ostern said.

Anthem had already offered up to $5,000 in tuition reimbursements each year for its 55,000 eligible employees. The programs at CfA cost half that. If a student takes four years to complete their bachelor's degree, the bill would normally total $10,000 with no additional fees.

"Our model at College for America is specifically built to remove the main barriers that stand between working adults and higher education," Van Ostern said. "One of the biggest ones is cost."

Colin Manning at Anthem says the New Hampshire office partnered with CfA in a pilot program two years ago. The program was pitched to corporate and it made the online college available to the whole company.

"Since the announcement that this has gone nationwide, we've seen a huge interest from our associates who have gone and explored and have even begun enrolling," Manning said.

Employees will still have the option to use their reimbursement money at other schools, Manning said, but the company is actively encouraging workers to enroll in the CfA programs.

There are about 34,000 Anthem workers without a college degree, and Manning says that's a problem for a company like Anthem that wants to promote primarily from within.

Since there are no lectures or class time of any kind, students work at their own pace.

Van Ostern said some have earned their associate's in only six months, but that's rare. Most students take two to two and a half years to complete an associate's degree and, based on that, Van Ostern estimates it would take four to five years to earn a bachelor's.

"For most of our students, school is not the most important thing in their life," Van Ostern said. "Usually, it's the third most important thing. Usually, family comes first and their job comes second and we come third."

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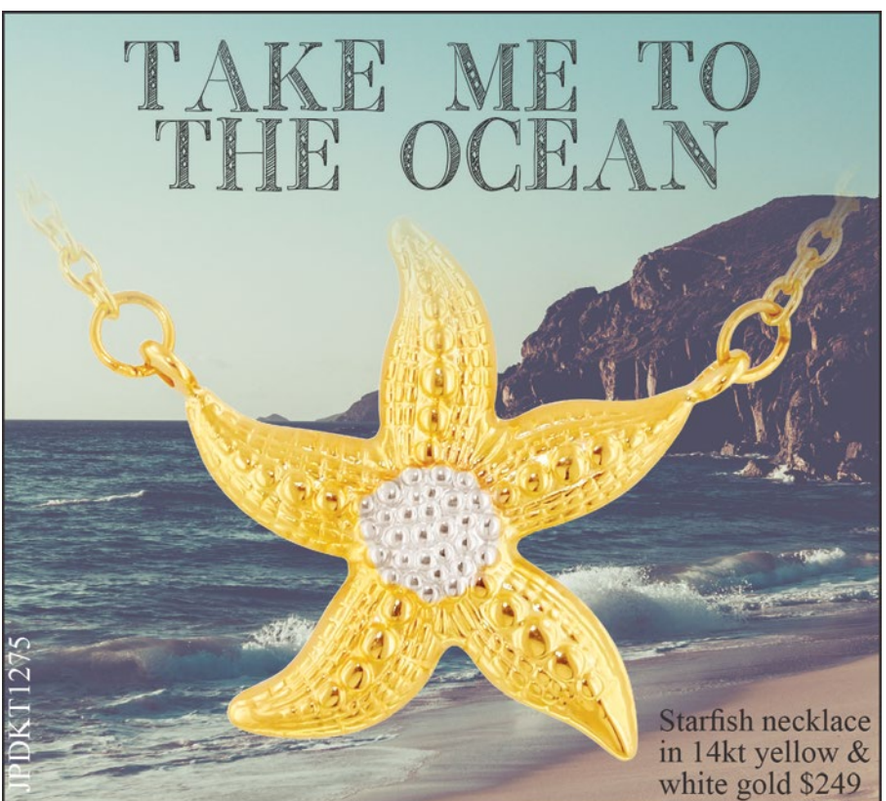
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New police boss

Manchester's next police chief prepares to take the helm

Enoch "Nick" Willard is Manchester's next chief of police. A native of Peaks Island in Portland, Maine, Willard joined the Manchester Police Department in 1992 after serving as a Sanbornton cop for three years. Before that, he served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. As a lieutenant in Manchester, he was the supervising officer of Michael Briggs and lead investigator in his murder case. In 2011 he was promoted to captain of the detectives division, and he's been assistant chief since 2013.

Q: *For residents who don't know you, what's the first thing you'd like them to know about you?*

I've been a victim-oriented police officer [during] my career. ... I've always believed in serving the victim in the cases I was handling or the people I was interacting with. I often say that … you should treat people the way you'd want your family treated. Even the most dastardly of people should be treated with a level of respect and dignity. … I've obtained many confessions from homicide suspects partly because of that.

What's the most memorable case you worked as a Manchester detective?

The most memorable case was the [2004] triple homicide of the Doyle family: Tricia Doyle and her two children. Her 4-year-old daughter and her 2-year-old son. Just the gravity of investigating that crime scene and obtaining the confession from the killer, who just happened to be Tricia's brother. That's the case that was the most difficult case on every level you can imagine when you use the word "difficult." … It was extraordinarily rough and it took a toll on the officers, the detectives that were investigating the scene. It took a toll on the officers who responded to find the three of them murdered in the bedroom upstairs. It's just one of those cases that just never leaves you.

What worldview or guiding philosophy will inform your leadership of the state's largest municipal police department?

You lead by example and you do so with honor and dignity with a clear direction of what your expectations are and what your goals are. Probably the one thing that everyone in the building knows about me is that I will set expectations and I do expect results. Those results aren't always what I'd like to see out of them, but as long as I get the effort, and people put in the effort … so I'd say leading by example, being the moral compass for your agency. I think those are vital things.


Courtesy photo.

Manchester has an increasingly diverse population, in terms of race and economic status. How do you hope to avoid the often fraught relationship minority and poor residents have with police in places like Ferguson, Missouri or Baltimore?

First and foremost, you have to have a robust professional standards commitment. So if there are complaints made, the complainant needs to know that it will be taken seriously and it will be investigated thoroughly. I think that's vital. If the community has no confidence that we are going to investigate our own in times of perceived slight or a complaint then they're going to lose faith in us. I think we have that here. We have a very robust professional standards commitment. So we're not afraid to admit our mistakes and I think that's important. I just did it the other day. I made a mistake where somebody had made a complaint and I thought something different than what the reality was and I called the woman back and said, 'You are absolutely right and we were wrong. We dropped the ball on this.' … I also think — and Chief Mara has done this incredibly well — you maintain the contacts within the community. You have the dialogue like we've had at the community meetings.

Nearly 50 people died of opioid overdoses in the city last year. What do you think law enforcement's role in managing the drug crisis should be?

I think we need to continue with our enforcement. I think we need to continue the dialogue with the social service community to help get treatment. I think we need to have a seat at the table when we're talking to politicians who can actually create funding for some of these programs. We can continue to advocate, just like Chief Mara has been doing. We can work on the enforcement end, but we need help … from the politicians, from the medical professionals, we need help from the social service agencies. … Without it we are just swimming against the tide.

— Ryan Lessard

Five favorites

Favorite Book: *John Adams* by David McCullough
Favorite Movie: *American Sniper*
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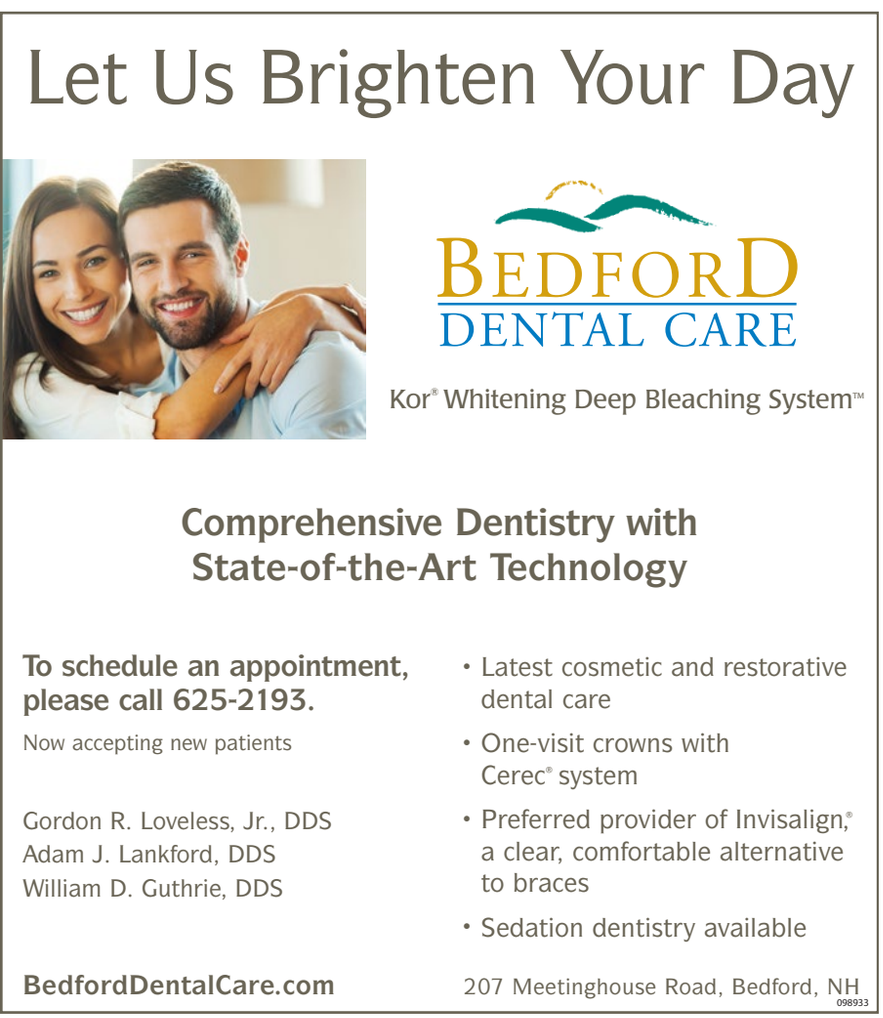
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NEWS & NOTES

QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Fourth-best skiing season on record

There were more than 2.5 million visits to ski resorts in the state, according to Ski New Hampshire. Alpine ski visits were up nearly 2 percent, and while cross-country visits were down, they were still up over a 10-year average, making it the fourth-best ski season on record, as reported by WMUR.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *New Hampshire's ski tubing centers, meanwhile, posted their second-best season ever at nearly 124,000 visits, a 3.3-percent jump from last year.*

Day shelter closing

After providing lunch, laundry, warmth and safety during the day for Manchester's homeless for the past five years, the Manchester Homeless Service Center will be closing its doors for good June 29. The Union Leader reported that due to a number of major private funders pulling their money from the program, and subsequent failed efforts to find the money elsewhere, the day shelter will no longer be able to operate.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *About 70 people use the shelter daily, and twice as many use it in the winter.*

Unemployment stays down

New Hampshire's unemployment rate was at 3.8 percent in May, the same as the month before, according to New Hampshire Employment Security. NHPR reported the state has seen job growth, but the labor force is growing at the same amount, keeping the jobs numbers relatively flat. More than 1,400 people were employed in May over April, but roughly the same number of people joined the labor force. Construction jobs saw a favorable increase. The national unemployment rate is still 5.5 percent.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *Employment Security analysts say the increase in people searching for jobs reflects an increased confidence in the state of the economy.*

Breaking barriers

Last Saturday, Mary Catherine White of Gorham was ordained to become one of just 200 women worldwide who say they are Roman Catholic priests. While the Vatican does not recognize this ordination as valid — priesthood has always been reserved for men — she plans to hold services, including communion, in homes. Her faith community will be all-inclusive and non-judgmental, and it will welcome those from the LGBT community and those who are divorced, according to NHPR.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *She is one of two New Hampshire female priests; the other is Theresa Novak Chabot of Manchester, who was ordained in 2010.*

Another good season

Even though the syrup season was cut kind of short — there was snow on the ground until April! — New Hampshire syrup producers still saw higher yields last winter compared to the previous year, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We produced 154,000 gallons this year, compared to 112,000 in 2014, as reported by NHPR.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *Syrup production in the Northeast totaled around 2.96 million gallons, up 7 percent from 2014.*

QOL score: 83
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Is your glass half full or half empty?

The old saying goes, there are those who see the glass as half empty and others who see it as half full. Last week in sports was perfect for psychologists to view this phenomenon up close, as a number of local and national stories elicited a wide variety of points of view on the exact same story. Here's how some of the thinking went.

AHL Monarchs Play Last Game in Town

Glass Half Empty: Folks who fancy themselves hockey experts will say the Manchester Monarchs' run to win the Calder Cup shows that we'll not see the same level of play next year as the L.A. Kings AHL franchise moves to the West Coast and is replaced by its ECHL version.

Glass Half Full: The excitement of the M's run showed what they really are to hockey fans in these parts: a vibrant part of the community. One that contributes entertainment, a night out of the house, coolness for kids who play and love hockey, jobs for folks attached to the team and, at the V, a financial contributor to continued vitality of the city-owned arena, and most of all, for those invested, something to be part of.

As for "level of play," fewer than 5 percent can really tell — and even if they can, it doesn't matter. I am a basketball person who prefers the NBA to college basketball because the level of play is so much better. But I have also been a gigantic SNHU fan, as well as Saint Anselm and Division II, where I've enjoyed as many heart-pounding moments as in anything with the Celtics because I felt part of it. That's what it was like during the Monarchs' run — an excitement all were collectively part of that only is delivered by a hometown team. Whether it happens in the AHL or ECHL it will be the same for those who are part of it.

Tiger Mauled Again

Glass Half Empty: After missing the cut at the U.S. Open, the scary thing is he may not even have hit rock bottom yet. While solid players like **Steve Blass** and **Rick Ankiel** have lost it overnight**,** never has any sports greatest player fallen as far as fast when young enough to still be in his prime as Tiger Woods.

Glass Half Full: Well, uhm, he still has his health. Plus, after seeing Ankiel become a pretty decent outfielder and Blass once recording two holes-in-one in the same round, maybe he can switch sports.

Jenner to Get ESPN's Arthur Ashe Courage Award

Glass Half Full: Regardless of how anyone feels about **Bruce Jenner** becoming **Caitlyn**, it's his body, his life and no one else's business. Plus, she'll get to play from the red tees, which is a bonus for any golfer.

Glass Half Empty: In a year when Mt. Saint Joseph College hoopster **Lauren Hill** wouldn't give in to brain cancer to play one more game and ALS-afflicted baseball player **Peter Frates** raised millions for ALS research, ESPN has got to be kidding about naming Jenner. First, he hasn't been active in athletics since the 1976 Olympics, so how does his story have anything to do with sports? Second, the PR assault underway has *nothing* to do with making it easier for those who come after him, or with regaining "dignity." If it were the latter he'd have done it quietly and not gone on with **Diane Sawyer** or been on the cover of the aptly named Vanity Fair. It's about the millions for the reality show and the same look at me, me, me attention-seeking that's been going on since he and his first wife were cutesie-cute photo op couple in Montreal, while ESPN is in it for an ESPY's rating bump.

Danny Ainge on the Clock

Glass Half Empty: The Celtics had a nice run but that was helped by playing in a historically bad division. Plus not being in the lottery blew a chance at getting a difference-maker in the draft who'd play for a decade.

Glass Half Full: (a) Playoff experience will pay future dividends. (b) They're just two players away from contending in the East. True, the missing players are one who can score 20 a night and a rebounding big to anchor the defense, so it won't be easy. But with free agents like that available, while having $30 million in cap space and 11 first-round picks the next five years Danny has far more ammo than when his 2007 trade for **Ray Allen** convinced **KG** to come aboard, which turned a 24-win team into NBA champ in a month.

Sox 2015 Season Prospects

Glass Half Full: While most in the Nation have counted out the Sox already, I haven't. History shows the Giants were 13 out in mid-August before catching Brooklyn and **Bobby Thompson**'s "Shot Heard Round the World" won it**.** The Yankees were 14 games out when **Billy Martin** got fired on July 30 in 1978 and just 7 games out a week later. In the year of *Morgan Magic* the Sox won 18 of their first 20 games after **John McNamara** got fired. True, they haven't played well. But at times the pitching's been good, and the hitting's been good at others, just never at the same time. But that shows they can do both, and being in synch could produce a run needed to get back in it. Baseball's a marathon, not a sprint. Never better exemplified than in 2004, where before the **A-Rod-Varitek** fight they were looking at being one of the most disappointing teams in team history and we know how that ended.

Glass Half Empty: The season is over, **Farrell** and especially **Cherington** should be fired. And think of how ticked off the Nation will be when Theo opens up his treasure trove of high-end prospects to get the Phillies to send **Cole Hamels** to the Cubs instead of Boston at the trade deadline.

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Baby Sox Face F-Cats In June 2005 Battle For First Place

The Manchester Wolves sat atop the Arena 2 Football standings at 9-1 after dusting Green Bay 62-48, Nashua South had just won the Class L Baseball title, former G-Man **Mark Felt** finally cleared up the 30 year mystery surrounding the Watergate scandal that had gripped the nation by revealing he was **"Deep Throat"** and Red Sox Nation was still basking in the glow of winning their first World Series since 1918 the previous October. It was June of 2005 and Portland was in town for a three game series with the Fisher Cats. With first place at stake the stadium down by the river was littered with future major leaguers. The count was 22 of those who eventually made the show from both team's 2005 roster – which for the Sea Dogs included **Hanley Ramirez, Manny Del Carmen, Anibal Sanchez** and the trio of **Dustin Pedroia, Jonathan Papelbon** and **Jon Lester** who would play a role in the Sox winning again two years later. Portland drew first blood when then starter **Papelbon** kept them in a tight one by giving up just one hit and a run over 8 innings before **Stefan Bailie** homered off **Bubbie Buzachero** and **Chris Durbin** followed with a RBI single for a 3-1 win in 12. With Blue Jays GM **JP Richardi** on hand to see top draft pick **Zach Jackson** pitch after his promotion from Single A, the F-Cats retook first place first with a 4-1 Game 2 win as **Kasson Gabbard** took the loss. The pendulum swung back the other way in another one run game when **David Murphy's** fourth inning sac fly RBI proved to be the winning run as Portland regained a share of first place with a 5-4 win to conclude a series of three great events for Manchester.

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Berberian recovers at Open

The Big Story: The 83 carded in the opening round of the U.S. Open was the stuff dreams are made off, but the story of **Rich Berberian Jr.** of Windham Country Club story didn't end there. He came back to shoot 72 in Round II at the controversial Chambers Bay course in Washington State to finish at 155. And while he didn't make the cut, he did gain experience that should prove of value going forward and showed an ability to get up after being knocked down. Not to mention he finished a shot ahead of three-time Open champ **Tiger Woods**. How many around here can say that?

Sports 101: Who holds the major-league record for hitting the most home runs by July 1 in a season?

Witness Protection Program Moment of the Week: If anyone out there was worried over what ever became of Patriots running back **Jonas Gray** after he disappeared from the radar less than a week after running for 201 yards and 4 TDs vs. the Colts, you can stop worrying. He was on hand signing autographs on the concourse at the F-Cats game on Friday, where he clearly was alive and well.

Giving Something Back Award: The question is, did the contribution to charity come after or before word leaked out that the nonprofit Foundation at Salem State College paid Tom Brady $170,000 to speak for one hour at the school last month? If you're wondering, the award minus the $40,000 gained in ticket sales and sponsorships could pay for six and a half full scholarships and a half scholarship for needy students.

Rest in Peace: WGIR Morning Buzz sidekick **Andy Blacksmith**, who was a good guy, went too soon at 49 while waiting for a heart transplant at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital on Sunday.

Sports 101 Answer: All-time homer champ **Barry Bonds** hit an all-time best 38 homers by July 1 when in 2001 when he set the single-season record of 73. **Mark McGwire** is next with 37 in 1998.

On This Date – June 25: **1932** – Soon to be New London, N.H., resident and Lake Sunapee CC member **Gene Sarazen** shoots a 286 to win the U.S. Open. **1967** – **Muhammad Ali** is sentenced to five years in prison for refusing induction into the army. **1988** – **Cal Ripken Jr.**'s consecutive game streak reaches 1,000. **1991** – **Martina Navratilova** wins her record 100th singles match at Wimbledon.

The Numbers

.339 – batting average **for Dalton Pompey** when he has 4 homers and 13 RBI in his first 56 at bats with the Fisher Cats.

1:18:42 – NH best female time for **Denise Sandahl** of Bow to hit the finish line in the annual Northeast Delta Dental Mt. Washington Road Race, good for sixth place overall.

3 – consecutive wins to start the American Legion season for Sweeney Post after a 1-0 win over Bedford when **Mason Gilmartin** allowed six hits and walked four over six scoreless innings to get the win.

21 – years of age of newly crowned U.S. Open Champion **Jordan Spieth**, which made him on Sunday the youngest winner of that championship since **Bobby Jones** did it at 20 in 1923.

181 and 2 – feet and inches the javelin tossed by Manchester Central junior **Jacob Stanko** went as he was the winner in the Emerging Elite Division at the New Balance National Outdoor Track Championship in Greensboro, North Carolina, last week.

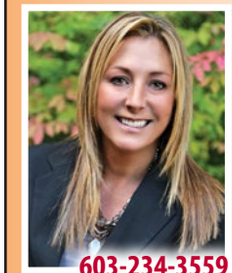
Sports Glossary

Shot Heard 'round the World: The three-run walk-off homer that ended the dramatic three-game playoff series that broke hearts all over Brooklyn in October 1951. It was hit by left fielder **Bobby Thompson** off classy to this day **Ralph Branca** at New York's Polo Grounds where it was a mere 251 down the left field line. If it had been Fenway, it would have been a single off the wall and play would have continued. Instead the Giants had crushed the hopes of their bitter rivals. What's lost in history is that Thompson knocked in the deciding run in Game 1 of the series with an earlier homer off — you guessed it — Branca.

***Ralph Branca*:** The **Mike Torrez** of Brooklyn, who surrendered game-winning homers to **Bobby Thompson** twice in the famous NL playoff of 1951. Beyond that he was a solid righty who won 21 games in 1947, 88 overall, and a three-time All-Star, not to mention a major **Jackie Robinson** defender/supporter when he integrated baseball in 1947. And, oh, by the way, he's also the father-in-law of one **Bobby Valentine**.

Steve Blass: Solid Pirates righty hurler with six seasons of double-digit wins, including 19 when Pittsburgh won the World Series in 1971. But he mysteriously lost his ability to throw strikes the next year and after recording just three wins and back-to-back ERAs of 9.85 and 9.00 the career was over less than two years later.

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Hot Reads

A look at this summer's best beach books



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Once again we put out calls for book recommendations, and New Hampshire librarians and booksellers responded with fervor. They sent us information about their favorite mysteries, thrillers, fantasies, children's books, young adult and historical fiction novels from 2014 and 2015. (There were so many replies, in fact, that we had to cut the story down to books only released from summer 2014 onward.)

To spice things up, we also asked you, Hippo readers, a few questions via an online poll. What was your favorite book growing up? Who's your favorite New Hampshire author? Where's your favorite place to read in the summertime? Where do you get your books? You can find some of the results from these inquiries scattered throughout the next few pages.

Picture books

Little Elliot, Big City by Mike Curato

Plot: A tiny, spotted elephant tackles the challenges of city life in this illustrated tale.

Published: August 2014

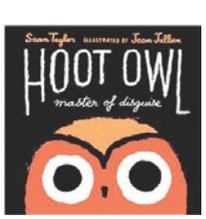
Recommended by: Jill Sweeney-Bosa of Water Street Bookstore. "How does a sweet little elephant like Elliot make it in the bustling metropolis he calls home? With a lot of pluck and some sweet encouragement: cupcakes and a new friend. … First in a series."

Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Zachariah OHora

Plot: Mom and Dad Bunny are over the moon about newly adopted (and aptly named) Wolfie, but big sister Dot worries carrots won't satisfy him for long.

Published: February 2015

Recommended by: Jill Sweeney-Bosa. "A funny, charming, and wonderfully illustrated look at what makes a family."



Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise by Sean Taylor, illustrated by Jean Jullien

Plot: When his dinner plans go repeatedly and hilariously awry, Hoot Owl employs super-stealthy plans and costume changes to get the job done.

Published: February 2015

Recommended by: Jill Sweeney-Bosa. "A sure-to-please read aloud for the younger crowd."

Nobody's Perfect by David Elliott, illustrated by Sam Zuppardi

Plot: About how focusing on the positive has its own rewards.

Published: February 2015

Recommended by: Katharine Nevins, owner of MainStreet BookEnds. "Newest picture book fun from Warner's own."

Go to Sleep, Little Farm by Mary Lyn Ray, illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal

Plot: Poetic bedtime book.

Published: September 2014

Recommended by: Katharine Nevins. "Mary Lyn's lovely poetry matched with Neal's amazing art."

See You Next Year by Andrew Larsen, illustrated by Todd Stewart

Plot: A girl's annual summer beach week is altered when she meets a new friend who shows her how to dive under the waves and spot satellites in the night sky.

Published: March 2015

Recommended by: Nicole Giroux, Derry Public Library. "A perfect choice for anyone feeling nostalgic about summers past or looking forward to the present one."

Raindrops Roll by April Pulley Sayre

Plot: Photo-illustrated nonfiction picture book about the wonders of rain.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Nicole Giroux. "The often rhyming text of the book reads like poetry with lyrical lines like, 'Rain plops. / It drops. / It patters. / It spatters,' while close-up photographs of raindrops in a variety of natural settings with plant and animal life show details often overlooked by the naked eye."



Ice Cream Summer by Peter Sís

Plot: The history of ice cream through one boy's summer vacation adventures, from sculpting sand at the beach to doing math problems around scoops of his favorite frozen treat.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Nicole Giroux. "Sis's soft watercolor illustrations use a bright palette reminiscent of rainbow sprinkles. Young readers will delight in the images, seeing how many ice cream cones they can find on one page or trying to find the hidden ice cream shapes in other objects."



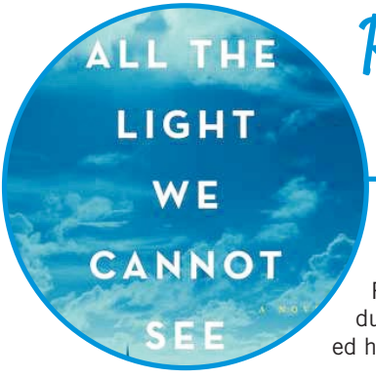
The Book With No Pictures by B.J. Novak

Plot: From the writer of *One More Thing: Stories and Other Stories* and *The Office*, the book, not surprisingly, is void of pictures, but it does encourage the reader to say silly sounds in ridiculous voices. (Blork. Bluurf. Blaggity, Glibbity Globbity.)

Readers Poll Results

Where's your favorite place to read in the summertime?

1. The beach
2. On a patio/deck/dock/porch
3. By or under a tree
4. Someplace shady
5. On a hammock



Readers Poll Results

What was your favorite book you read this year?

From both poll and bookseller/librarian inquiries, there were a few standouts. ***All the Light We Cannot See***, which won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and is set in occupied France during World War II, was especially recommended highly among librarians and booksellers.

Other responses, picked among many, include ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck!*** by Jeff Kinney (Tara D. of Derry said it was "hysterical, relatable and wonderful," and that her elementary school students adored it), ***The Nepal Chronicles*** by Hippo Associate Publisher Dan Szczesny, ***Unbroken*** by Laura Hillenbrand, ***A Well-Tempered Heart*** by Jan Phillip Sendak, ***Pelican*** by Emily O'Neil, ***The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*** by Gabrielle Zevin, ***Yes Please*** by Amy Poehler and ***Selfish, Shallow, and Self-Absorbed: Sixteen Writers on the Decision Not to Have Kids*** by Meghan Daum.

Published: September 2014

Recommended by: Carrie-Anne Pace, Aaron Cutler Memorial Library. "This silly picture-less picture book is a surprisingly great read aloud that pokes fun at the reader."

Kids, middle-grade

Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Plot: Three stories about hope, destiny and family woven together in an intricate tale.

Published: December 2014

Recommended by: Sue Carita, Toadstool Bookstore of Milford.



The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm

Plot: A new boy in 11-year-old Ellie's class looks like her grandfather when he was a kid, which is strange because her grandfather was a scientist obsessed with immortality.

Published: August 2014

Recommended by: Carrie-Anne Pace. "This light-hearted story is about the wonder of scientific discovery, friendship & family."

Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff

Plot: Fifth-grader Albie is not good at anything and has low self-confidence until his new babysitter shows him his strengths.

Published: June 2014

Recommended by: Carrie-Anne Pace.

Young adult/Coming-of-age novels

Kissing in America by Margo Rabb

Plot: After Eva's father dies in a plane crash, her relationship with her mother is strained. She falls in love for the first time, takes a road trip across America with her best friend, has adventures both fun and awful and finds the meaning of great love.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Ryan Foley, Gibson's Bookstore. "This book is as laugh-out-loud funny as it is bittersweet and romantic."

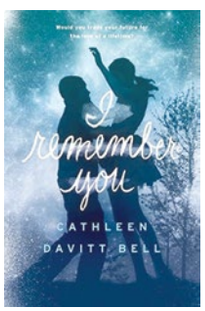
Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands by Chris Bohjalian

Plot: A young girl is ostracized and is forced to live on the streets after her father is suspected of causing a nuclear meltdown in Vermont, leaving her orphaned and homeless.

Published: July 2014

Recommended by: Barbara Schuler, Goffstown Public Library. "A compelling tale of loss, resilience and transformation from a master storyteller."

Also recommended by: Sarah Basbas, Manchester City Library. "A heartbreaking and thoroughly engrossing novel that is Bohjalian, bestselling author of *Midwives* and *The Sandcastle Girls*, at his best."



I Remember You by Cathleen Davitt Bell

Plot: Juliet and Lucas are falling in love, but when Lucas "remembers" things about Juliet he couldn't possibly know, Juliet begins to wonder if something's wrong.

Published: February 2015

Recommended by: Tammy McCracken, Toadstool Bookshop of Milford.

Saint Anything by Sarah Dessen

Plot: A girl who feels shadowed by her older brother, now in prison, becomes drawn to another family, where she experiences unquestioning acceptance for the first time.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Sue Carita. "Dessen has a wonderful way with the feelings and voices of teenage girls."

Charisma by Jeanne Ryan

Plot: A cripplingly introverted teenage girl

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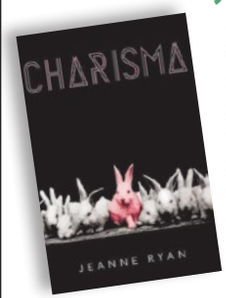
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Staff Picks

'Charisma' By: Jeanne Ryan



A cripplingly introverted teenage girl gets the opportunity to try a gene therapy drug called "Charisma" that gives her just that. It's everything she's ever wanted, but is it too good to be true?

'The Only Words That Are Worth Remembering'

By: Jeffrey Rotter

A darkly comic, wildly original novel of a family in flight from the law, set in a near-future America -- a "Clockwork Orange" with a Huck Finn heart



'Revolution' By: Deborah Wiles

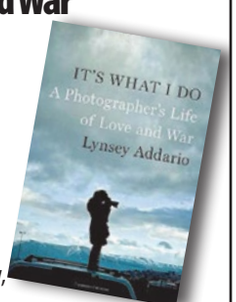


It's 1964, and Sunny's town is being invaded. Or at least that's what the adults of Greenwood, Mississippi, are saying. All Sunny knows is that people from up north are coming to help people register to vote. They're calling it Freedom Summer.

'It's What I Do: A Photographer's Life of Love and War'

By: Lynsey Addario

War photographer Lynsey Addario's memoir "It's What I Do "is the story of how the relentless pursuit of truth, in virtually every major theater of war in the twenty-first century, has shaped her life.

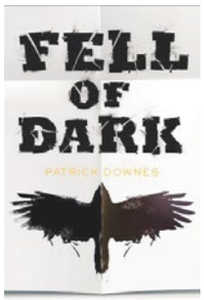


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gets the opportunity to try a gene therapy drug called Charisma that gives her just that. Her life changes overnight as she finds herself able to have casual conversations with strangers, flirt with her crush and speak publicly. It's too good to be true.

Published: March 2015

Recommended by: Ryan Foley. "I loved *Charisma*. It's exciting and tempting and unnerving and fascinating. Great for teens who are looking for some sci-fi."



Fell of Dark by Patrick Downes

Plot: This story revolves around two mentally ill teens, Erik and Thorn. As they succumb to their individual delusions, they embark on a collision course toward one another with an inevitable and harrowing conclusion.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Erin Robinson, Derry Public Library. "The characters and images are so authentically rendered that this book will stay with you for a long time to come."

The Fire Sermon by Francesca Haig

Plot: *The Hunger Games* meets Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*. No. 1 in a post apocalyptic trilogy. Every person is born with a twin, and of each pair, one is an Alpha — physically perfect in every way — and one is an Omega, burdened with deformity.

Published: August 2014

Recommended by: Mat Bose, Hooksett Public Library. "Another great dystopian fiction novel. I enjoyed the mystery and adventure aspects of this worthy addition to the genre."



Breaking Sky by Cori McCarthy

Plot: Elite teen fighter pilot Chase Harcourt (call sign Nyx) is one of two pilots capable of testing the new, experimental Streaker Jets. But as the Streaker trials approach, Nyx unlocks a dangerous military secret.

Published: March 2015

Recommended by: Erin Robinson. "For readers who want full-tilt action, hardcore ladies, and breathtaking suspense."

Fantasy

Thor's Serpents by K.L. Armstrong & M.A. Marr

Plot: The latest in the Blackwell Pages series. A couple of pre-teens are working to battle fierce monsters who are working to bring out the apocalypse.

Published: March 2015

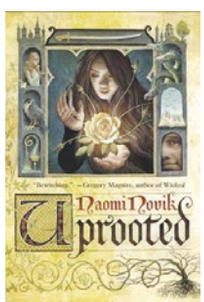
Recommended by: Kerri Antosca, assistant librarian at the Aaron Cutler Memorial Library. "Follow the modern descendants of Norse gods in this action-packed race to prevent Ragnarök, the end of the world!"

Fairest by Marissa Meyer

Plot: Part of the Lunar Chronicles series, which gives old fairy tales new life. This one is about Queen Levana, a ruler who used glamour to gain power.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Kerri Antosca. "If you haven't started reading The Lunar Chronicles, get on it! This series is massively popular at our library; one of my patrons describes it as *Star Wars* meets *Cinderella*."



Uprooted by Naomi Novik

Plot: In a fantastical world, a girl is taken every 10 years by a wizard, known as the Dragon, who lives in the Wood. The next choosing is fast approaching, and protagonist Agnieszka is fearful that the chosen one will be her beautiful, graceful and brave best friend Kasia.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Jill Sweeney-Bosa. "You will feel the weight of the Wood's glare, the dust of ancient tomes on your fingertips, and frissons of spells cast from darkened corners. Novik has crafted an astoundingly good tale of magic, sacrifice, and the ties that bind."

The Darkest Part of the Forest by Holly Black

Plot: A brother and sister live in Fairfold, where humans and faeries live side by side. A boy who's been sleeping in a glass coffin in the woods wakes up and the world as they know it turns upside down.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Liz Gotauco, Merrimack Public Library.

Of Things Gone Astray by Janina Matthewson

Plot: One morning in London, a group of people all lose something dear but particular to them: the front of their house, their piano keys, their sense of direction, their place of work.

Published: August 2014

Recommended by: Sean Johnson, Toadstool Bookshop of Milford.

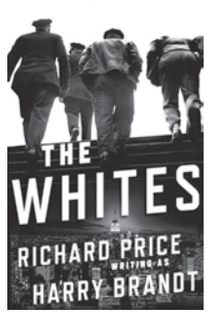
Half a King by Joe Abercrombie

Plot: Prince Yarvi has vowed to regain a throne he never wanted. But first he must survive cruelty, chains and the bitter waters of the Shattered Sea with only one good hand.

Published: July 2014

Recommended by: Mat Bose. "The start to another great fantasy series by Abercrombie."

Thriller



The Whites by Harry Brandt (Richard Price)

Plot: A New York City police detective is under siege by an unsolved murder, his past and a violent stalker seeking revenge.

Published: February 2015

Recommended by: Sarah Williams, Nesmith Library. "Price, writing as Harry Brandt, adds to his collection of gritty crime

Readers Poll Results

Which fictional character would you most like to have coffee with?



Hermione Granger from *Harry Potter*



Buffy Summers from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*



Dana Scully from *The X-Files*



James Bond

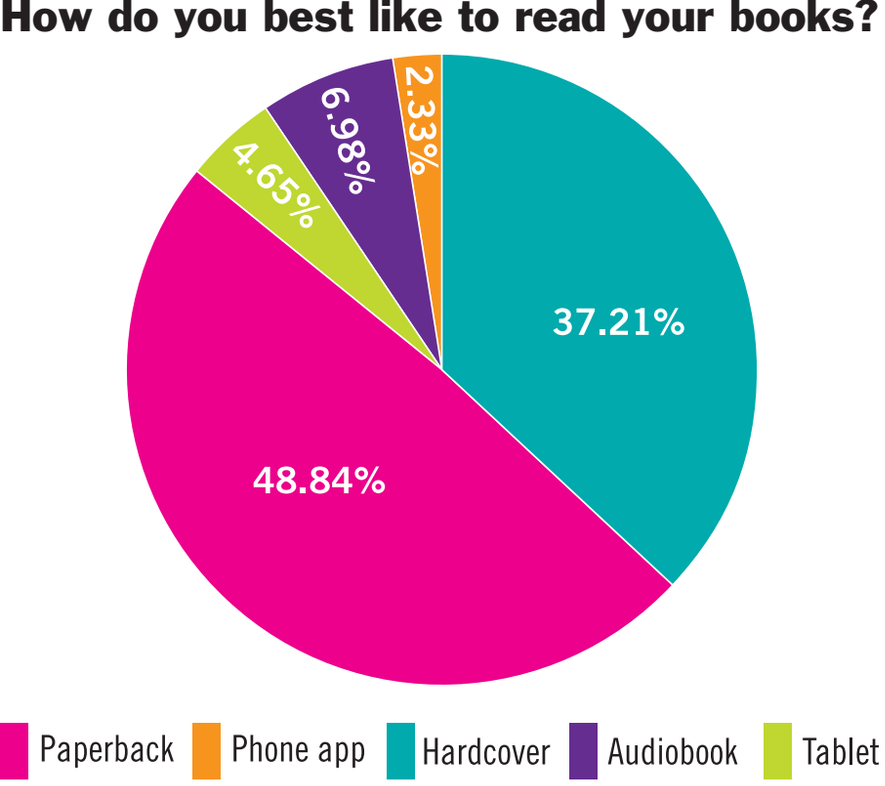


Christian Grey from *50 Shades of Grey*



Atticus Finch from *To Kill a Mockingbird*

How do you best like to read your books?



Readers poll results

dramas. The characters are real, fleshed out, flawed people."



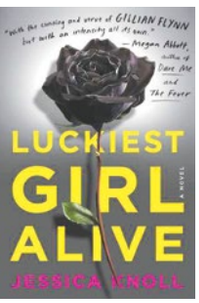
You by Caroline Kepnes

Plot: Google gives a dangerous stalker all the information he needs to step into and take over Guinevere Beck's life.

Published: September 2014

Recommended by: Jessica Sheehan, Goffstown Public Library. "This fast-paced psychological thriller will not only keep you turning the pages, it will keep you guessing until the very last twist."

Also recommended by: Sandy Whipple, Goffstown Public Library.



Luckiest Girl Alive by Jessica Knoll

Plot: A private school girl endures a shocking public humiliation that leaves her desperate to reinvent herself with a glamorous job, expensive wardrobe and handsome fiancé. But she's still hiding a secret buried in her past.

Published: May 2015

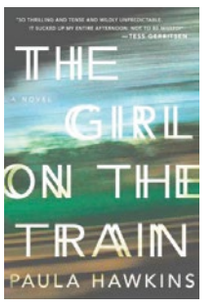
Recommended by: Deb Wenzel, assistant manager at Barnes & Noble, Manchester. "Slated to be the next *Gone Girl* or *The Girl on the Train*."

Descent by Tim Johnston

Plot: A vacationing family gets a call that their teenage son has been hurt during a hike. When they ask if their daughter was also injured, the police tell them the boy was found alone.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Jessica Sheehan. "*Descent* is a dark journey with a heart."



The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

Plot: A girl sees something shocking on a commuter train, and after offering information to the police, worries she's done more harm than good.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Barbara Schuler, Goffstown Public Library assistant. "A page-turning, psychological thriller that will keep you guessing."

Also recommended by: Beverly Pietlicki, Josiah Carpenter Library, and Sandy Whipple



Finding Jake by Bryan Reardon

Plot: A stay-at-home dad's worst nightmare comes true when there's a school shooting at his kid's school. His son Jake is the only kid missing.

Published: February 2015

Recommended by: Sarah St. Martin, Manchester City Library. "It raises the question of, how much can parents be held accountable for the actions of their children? It also touches upon relationships, stay-at-home dads, and









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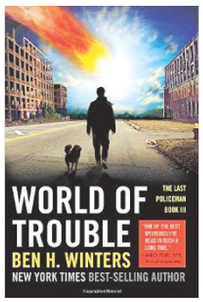
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World of Trouble (The Last Policeman No. 3) by Ben H. Winters

Plot: Two weeks before a deadly asteroid hits the planet, Detective Hank Palace has one last case to solve.

Published: July 2014

Recommended by: Jessica Drouin, Derry Public Library. "I enjoyed the first two well enough; however, I was very impressed with the last. Winters didn't pander or lose momentum as we drew towards the end of the world. … It was not sappy or contrived, but believable and haunting. … P.S., it takes place mostly in Concord, New Hampshire."

Fear the Dark by Chris Mooney

Plot: No. 5 in the Darby McCormick series; a murderer in Colorado targets entire families in their own homes.

Published: January 2015

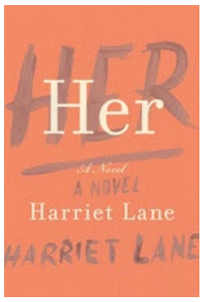
Recommended by: Brian Woodbury, Toadstool Bookshop. "This new Darby McCormick forensic investigation will leave you emotionally raw and numbingly cold. Perfect for a heat wave."

A Head Full of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay

Plot: A family whose daughter displays signs of acute schizophrenia agree to be stars of a reality TV show called *The Possession* in order to pay the medical bills.

Published: June 2015

Recommended by: Ryan Foley. "Picture *The Exorcist* as a reality television show. … Dual unreliable narrators, psychotic breaks, demonic possession, and more."



Her by Harriet Lane

Plot: A seemingly innocent friendship between two women develops into a dangerous game of cat and mouse.

Published: June 2014

Recommended by: Sarah Williams. "So, so, so exciting. It's an ambient psychological drama. … Lane captures every minute detail, and brings it all together for a heart-pounding conclusion. Loved it!"

Readers Poll Results

What was your favorite book growing up?

1. *Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling*
2. *Books by Dr. Seuss*
3. *Hatchet by Gary Paulsen*
4. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith*
5. *Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder*
6. *Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell*



Readers Poll Results

Who's your favorite New Hampshire author? (in no particular order)

Robert Frost: He taught at Pinkerton Academy in Derry and also lived at The Frost Place in Franconia during the summertime. He won four Pulitzer Prizes, was United States Poet Laureate and wrote iconic works like "The Road Not Taken."

John Irving: The Academy Award-winning screenwriter and bestselling author was born in Exeter and studied at the University of New Hampshire. He's known for novels like *The Cider House Rules, A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *The World According to Garp*.

Dan Szczesny: Besides having co-founded The Hippo, Szczesny has written three books: *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*, *The Nepal Chronicles* and *Sing, and Other Short Stories*.

J.D. Salinger: Salinger lived in Cornish for most of his adult life and is best known for *The Catcher in the Rye*.

Donald Hall: Hall lives in Wilmot and served as U.S. Poet Laureate for one year. He's written poetry, essays, children's literature and memoir; his latest is *Essays After Eighty*.

Jodi Picoult: Picoult, who lives in Hanover, has about 14 million copies of her books in print worldwide.

Dan Brown: Best known for his books featuring Robert Langdon, including *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels & Demons*. He lives in Exeter.

Historical fiction



A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

Plot: A look at four generations of one family anchored by a Baltimore house.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Beverly Pietlicki.

A Slant of Light by Jeffrey Lent

Plot: Set in the aftermath of the Civil War in the Finger Lakes region of New York, the book centers about two men: one has committed a horrific act but is revealed to be a man of integrity, while the other is seemingly righteous but has a lust for power.

Published: April 2015

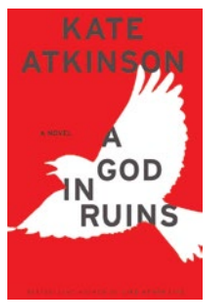
Recommended by: Holly and Willard Williams, co-owners of the Toadstool Bookshops of Peterborough, Keene and Milford. "So effective is his storytelling and historical detail, reading Jeffrey Lent's new novel set in upstate New York just before and after the Civil War is a thoroughly compelling and immersive experience not to be missed."

The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton

Plot: After seeing his brother die in a terrible home accident, a boy and his mother are sent to live with his grandfather for the summer in Medgar, Kentucky. Meanwhile, his grandfather and others in town are trying to rally citizens against a massive mountaintop removal operation that's blowing up hills and filling hollows.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Sarah St. Martin. "I loved this book for the innocence and nostalgia of a summer of adventures in the mountains combined with the reality of tragedy, change, and coming to terms with both."



A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson

Plot: Follow-up to bestselling book *Life After Life*. The book follows Teddy, the brother of *Life After Life* protagonist Ursula, as he flies bombers over Germany during World War II and builds a life in England after the war.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Water Street Bookstore manager Stef Schmidt. "This follow-up … does not disappoint. … It's a beautiful, character-driven story by one of our finest living writers."

Epitaph by Mary Doria Russell

Plot: Wyatt Earp's story of the O.K. Corral, the most famous 30-second gunfight in the Wild West.

Published: March 2015

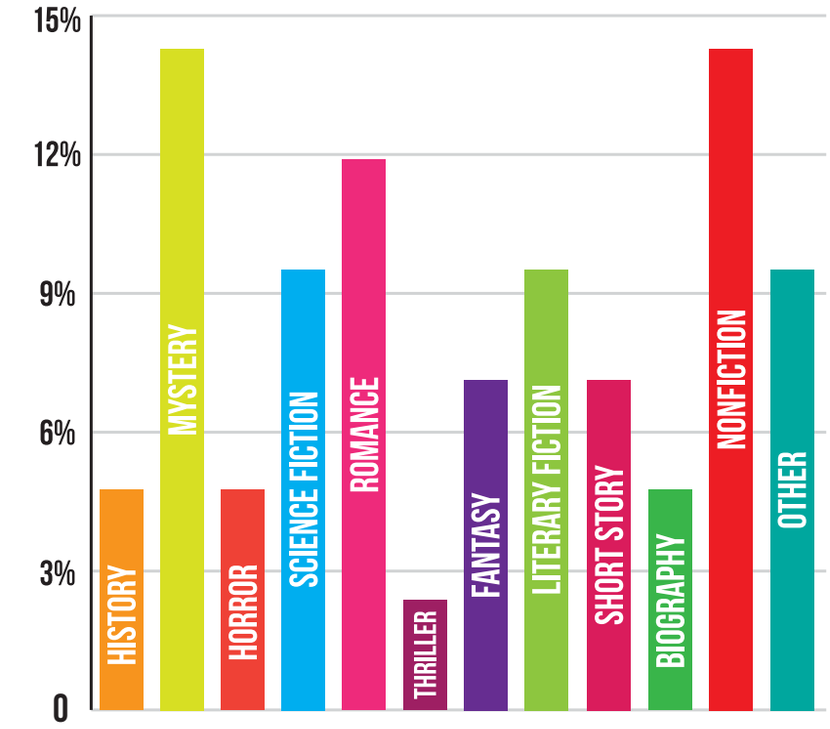
Recommended by: Mat Bose. "This book is historical fiction at its best. I enjoyed the more realistic portrayal of the characters and events

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What's your go-to genre for beach reading?



Readers poll results

surrounding the famous shootout at the O.K. Corral."



The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Plot: Two sisters try to survive the Nazi occupation in France during World War II. One is a frightened mother, trying to hold her family together in her husband's absence. The other is daring and gets involved in the French resistance.

Published: January 2015

Recommended by: Sarah Basbas, Manchester City Library.

A Dangerous Place by Jacqueline Winspear

Plot: Eleventh in a series about Maisie Dobbs, investigator and psychologist, which starts with her time as a World War I nurse and continues through the inter-war years up to 1937.

Published: March 2015

Recommended by: Susan Brown, Derry Public Library. "Winspear is expert at creating a sense of place, as well as complex characters I really care about. Although I have read extensively about this period in history, I always learn from her books and come away with a deeper understanding."

Girl at War by Sara Nović

Plot: Civil War in Yugoslavia affects everything in 10-year-old Ana Juric's life in Croatia in 1991. Her only chance for survival is to escape to America.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Sarah St. Martin. "Without being overwhelming or depressing, the dialogue and emotions are so real … you might forget it is a work of fiction."

Local authors

Chasing the Milky Way by Erin E. Moulton

Plot: Lucy Peevy has a dream to get out of the trailer park she lives in and become a famous scientist, but it's difficult when her mother doesn't always take her meds.

Published: June 2014

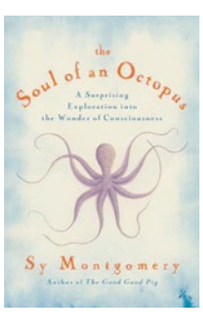
Recommended by: Jessica Drouin. "Mental illness is not a popular subject in literature for youth and Moulton handles it in a straightforward, empathic, and legitimate way. … She isn't heavy-handed with the material, yet you come away with a better understanding of what people may be experiencing on both sides of the issue."

Welcome to Frost Heaves by Ken Sheldon

Plot: Written by Sheldon, better known in New Hampshire as Fred Marple from the *Lake Wobegon*-like theater show *Frost Heaves*, the book is a compilation of Marple's funny-but-true stories about life in a small town.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Holly and Willard Williams.



The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness by Sy Montgomery

Plot: A book about the emotional and physical world of the octopus.

Published: May 2015

Recommended by: Michael Herrman, owner of Gibson's Bookstore. "A fascinating

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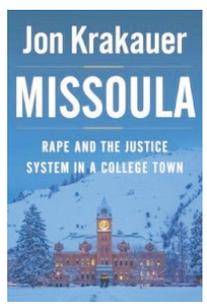
Kurt Vonnegut
The writer (1922-2007) was best known for works like ***Cat's Cradle***, ***Slaughterhouse-Five*** and ***Breakfast of Champions***.

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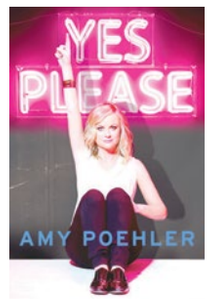
Essays After Eighty by Donald Hall
Plot: Essays by former United States Poet Laureate.
Published: December 2014
Recommended by: Sarah St. Martin. "Do not be deceived by the title; this collection of essays can be enjoyed by all ages. It gives younger people the ability to see inside the head of an 'old' person, and the challenges they face, as well as gives insight into what to expect."

Nonfiction



Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town by John Krakauer
Plot: While Krakauer chose to investigate Missoula, the deeper message is that this town is quite average compared to the national average regarding rapes.
Published: April 2015
Recommended by: Sarah St. Martin. "It was eye-opening to read the complications that arise from acquaintance rapes, including that the rapist is a likable and normal person, the guilt and persecution the women face if they come forward, and the large role the police and prosecutors play in whether or not cases are pursued."

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing by Marie Kondo
Plot: Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes readers step-by-step through her revolutionary KonMari Method for simplifying, organizing and storing.
Published: October 2014
Recommended by: Nathan Robbins, Barnes & Noble, Manchester. "Every chapter of this book is an epiphany that teaches us to part with things in our life that no longer spark joy. Life-changing indeed!"



Yes Please by Amy Poehler
Plot: A conglomerate of personal stories (both funny and not funny) and real-life advice.
Published: October 2014
Recommended by: Grace Larochelle, Hooksett Public Library.

In Real Life: My Journey to a Pixelated World by Joey Graceffa
Plot: Confessional memoir about 23-year-old YouTube personality.
Published: May 2015
Recommended by: John Avera, Barnes & Noble, Manchester. "This funny, warm-hearted memoir represents a shift from the typical 'let's-print-out-my-blog' Web-to-page tome in favor of a heartfelt telling of what it's like to be a young person finding success as one of America's most popular YouTube stars."

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald
Plot: A woman uses falconry to grieve in this blend of memoir and nature writing.
Published: July 2014
Recommended by: Katharine Nevins.

Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed Science — and the World by Rachel Swaby
Plot: From Nobel Prize winners to major innovators and lesser-known scientists, this book of profiles spans centuries of courageous thinkers.
Published: April 2015
Recommended by: Katharine Nevins. "Wonderful, inspiring role models."

Sustainable Happiness: Live Simply, Live Well, Make a Difference edited by Sarah van Gelder
Plot: The book contains articles from Yes! Magazine about achieving happiness that lasts.
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THIS WEEK

EVENTS TO CHECK OUT JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 2015, AND BEYOND



Friday, June 26

Ted 2 opens in theaters today. After marrying the woman of his dreams, talking teddy bear Ted and his wife are looking to adopt a child, but first, he will have to convince the courts that he is a real person. Starring Mark Wahlberg and Seth MacFarlane.



Friday, June 26

The Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden's (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord) **18th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** opens today and will run through October. The exhibit is free to view, and gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A sculptor's reception will be held Sunday, June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. Visit themillbrookgallery.com or call 226-2046.



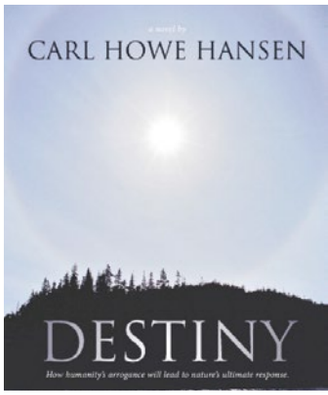
Saturday, June 27

Join the Bedford Historical Society today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for their **10th Annual Antique & Classic Car & Truck & Motorcycle Show**. This year's show will be held at the Bedford Village Common (between Meetinghouse and Wallace Roads). Awards will be given in a number of categories, including Best in Show, Kid's Choice and best vehicle by decade. There will also be raffles, food and activities for kids. Registration is $10 and begins at 9 a.m. Visit bedfordhistoricalnh.org.



Tuesday, June 30

The NH Audubon will host a lecture, **Moose of New Hampshire - Their Importance and Status**, today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord). Learn about the state's largest land mammal, its biology, current status and research results, as well as ways we can help sustain them in the future. Visit nhaudubon.org.



Thursday, July 2

Stop by Gibson's Bookstore (45 South Main St., Concord) at 7 p.m. for an author event with **Carl Howe Hansen**, who will be discussing his novel *Destiny*, a thriller about environmental disaster which threatens humanity's existence. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

Eat: Puff pastries

Finesse Pastries (968 Elm St., Manchester) will host a **puff pastry class** on Friday, June 26, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Learn how to make turnovers, palmiers and other pastries with flaky dough. The cost for the class is $75. Space is limited. Call 232-6592 or visit finessepastries.com to register.

Drink: Craft beer

Friday, June 26, through Sunday, June 28, is **New England Brewfest** in Lincoln and Woodstock. This craft beer festival weekend features a White Mountains Brewery Bus tour, food and beer pairings on the Cafe Lafayette Dinner Train, a farm-to-table beer dinner at Woodstock Inn, educational workshops focused on craft beer and more. This is a 21+ only event. Ticket prices for different events vary. Visit nebrewfest.com.

Be Merry: With wine, food and song

Head to Fulchino Vineyard (187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis) for its **Wine, Food and Song** event, happening Saturday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of paired wine tastings, Tuscan Kitchen's Artisan Italian Hors D'oeuvres and opera and show tunes from musicians Jimi James and Julie Diniz. Tickets are $59. Call 438-5984 or visit fulchinovineyard.com to reserve your spot.

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Brazilian page to American stage

Theatre KAPOW ends season with *Imaginary Life*

By Kelly Sennott
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Uma Vida Imaginária wasn't originally written in English, and it wasn't originally a play. It was a book by Nick Farewell, a Brazilian author well-known for his novel *GO*.

But when has something that trivial stopped theatre KAPOW from making a show part of its mainstage season? The play, whose name translates to *An Imaginary Life*, ends the company's seventh season this weekend at the Derry Opera House.

It was co-founders Matthew and Carey Cahoon's friend Valentina Lattuada of Barcelona who persuaded them to take on the challenge. Matthew Cahoon had met Lattuada during a director's symposium in Italy in the summer of 2013, and they got on so well they decided it only made sense to collaborate again. She attended a training workshop with theatre KAPOW in the winter of 2014, and earlier this year she helped them translate the work to the American stage.

Farewell was initially resistant — he grew up with Lattuada in Brazil and was insistent *Uma Vida Imaginária* was *not* a play, rather a book — but Lattuada knew it had the chops to be a fantastic stage production. She got the Cahoons on board with an elevator pitch.



Carey Cahoon and Mark Marshall in Uma Vida Imaginária. Matthew Lomanno photo.

"When Valentina introduced [Matthew Cahoon] to the work, she said, 'This is the book that made me believe in love again.' And it really does," Carey Cahoon said during an interview last week.

In *Uma Vida Imaginária*, a man wakes up one day and imagines that his entire existence is the result of another man's imagination. The play itself is told entirely through dialogue between this "imaginary" man and his wife.

"The plot is very simple. By the time we see them, boy has already met girl. They've already been together. But how do boy and girl figure out how to live together? How to be together and happy?" Carey Cahoon said.

Matthew and Carey Cahoon and actor/filmmaker/set designer Mark Marshall were at the company's brand-new barn-turned-theater-studio at the time of their interviews. The space had also previously been an antique shop, which was perfect for theatre KAPOW because all the shelving had been left intact. Along one wall were the wigs from this winter's *Russian Roulette/Parisian Poker*, green, pink, white and orange in all their glory. Roller skates and old props covered the shelves, and in the back room hung theatre KAPOW's growing costume collection.

With just two weeks to go until showtime, there were still kinks to smooth out. Lattuada and another local Portuguese actor, Rafael Marinho, provided translation help. Local playwrights Marshall, Kyp Pilalas and Lowell Williams offered writing advice.

Transforming the book into a stage production wasn't completely new territory for theatre KAPOW; nine of its mainstage shows the past seven years have been English translations, adaptations or pieces originally penned in another language.

But there are still difficulties, like when a character steps up to the front door and exclaims, "I have arrived!" because Americans don't say that. At the time of their interviews, they were still finding revelations in the work, which was exciting but also daunting.

"As an actor, you're taught fidelity to the word. You learn what has been given to you," Carey Cahoon said. "But here we have a lot of freedom, which is great and very scary. You have to really work so that you're still faithful to the intent."

Playing opposite her is Marshall, an alumni of theatre KAPOW's 24 Hour Play Festival, whose film company is also designing sets that will be projected on the almost all-white props and backdrop. The play spans many years and many houses, so for a show like this, it made sense.

The company is flying Farewell up to see the play opening weekend.

"It will be both nerve-racking but also I think exciting to share it with Nick. As a writer, it's like he's putting this piece of himself out there," Matthew Cahoon said.

See *Uma Vida Imaginária*

Where: Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry
When: Friday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m.
Tickets: $20
Contact: tkapow.com

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• ***RED*** Play by John Logan. June 17 through June 28. Showtimes Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. $39. Call 924-7585, visit peterboroughplayers.com.

• ***HAPPY TWO GATHER*** Featuring '60s flashback musical duo Jose and Patti. Thurs., June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. $39. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588.

• ***PETER PAN*** Prescott Park Arts Festival outdoor production. Showtimes are most Thursdays through Sundays, June 26 through Aug. 23. Prescott Park, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. Admission by donation, space at first-come, first-served basis. Visit prescottpark.org.

• ***ANYTHING GOES!*** Greater Lowell Music Theatre production. Fri., June 26, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., July 28, at 2 p.m. UMass Lowell, Durgin Concert Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell. $35. Visit glmt.org, call 978-319-8867.

• ***UMA VIDA IMAGINARIA (AN IMAGINARY LIFE)*** Theatre KAPOW collaborates with Integral Transpersonal Theatre of Barcelona, Spain, to produce adaptation of Nick Farewell's novel. Fri., June 26, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 2 p.m. Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. $20. Visit tkapow.com.

• ***LOOK ... THERE'S A BOAT*** Play by Harry Kopelman, presented by ACT ONE. Fri., June 26, at 8 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 2 p.m. West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Visit actonenh.org, call 300-2986.

• ***ONLY FOR YOU*** Brownwater Productions play by local playwright Greg Gaskell. June 19 through June 28, shows Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Sundays at 9 p.m. Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. $15. Call 436-8123, visit playersring.org.

• ***AN EVENING OF ROMANCE*** Garrison Players performance. Features legends of radio, stage and television. Sat., June 27, at 8 p.m. Garrison Players Arts Center, 650 Portland Ave., Dover. $15. Visit garrisonplayers.org, call 750-4ART.

• **DANGEROUSLY HIGH** One-woman show starring Kitty McKay. Includes intermission with light refreshments. Sat., June 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Old Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Free. Email dangeroustyhigh@comcast.net.

• ***DIVAS, SUPERSTARS & LEGENDS*** Palace Theatre production. Sun., June 28, at 11 a.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. $25. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588.

• ***THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN*** Part of Little Smiles Children's Summer Series. Tues., June 30, at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. $7.50. Visit ccanh.com, call 225-1111.

• ***INTIMATE EXCHANGES*** Comedy by Alyn Ayckbourn, performed by Peterborough Players. July 1 through July 12. Showtimes Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. $39. Call 924-7585, visit peterboroughplayers.com.

• ***SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS*** Palace youth theater production. Tues., July 7, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., July 8, at 10 a.m.; Thurs., July 9, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. $9. Visit palacetheatre.

CURTAIN CALL

Notes from the theater scene



Colleen Spear/Tin Woodsman, Isabel Smith/Dorothy, Josh Goldberg/Scarecrow, Henry Minicucci/Soldier with Green Whiskers. Courtesy photo.

• **Written by high school students:** The New Hampshire Theatre Project's cast of *An Oz Story* is in the midst of rehearsing for the company's early July production, July 4 through July 12 at the West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Three Portsmouth High School students — Josh Goldberg, Ella McGrail and Corrie Owens-Beauchesne — wrote both the script and music of this adaptation of L. Frank Baum's original book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. The play is the result of a NHTP training program that gives teens the opportunity to participate in productions based on classic literature. (And, as pointed out in the press release, while everyone knows the famous film, many don't know the original 14 fantasy novels about the mysterious land of Oz.) Tickets are $10, $30 for a family of four, and reservations are highly recommended; showtimes are Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7 p.m., Sunday, July 5, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Sunday, July 12, at 11 a.m. Call 431-6644, ext. 5, or mail reservations@nhtheatreproject.org.

• **Senior year finale:** The Peacock Players seniors will perform a concert event whose proceeds will go toward the Jared Nathan Scholarship for the Arts and the Peacock Players Scholarship Fund, which supports education for local theater arts students. The event is Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m., at the Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua. There will be refreshments, a silent auction, special concert performances by the celebrated 2015 graduating class, a brief commencement ceremony and the announcement of the scholarship recipient. There will also be a spotlight video presentation featuring many of the graduating seniors' favorite mainstage memories. Visit peacockplayers.org or call 886-7000 for tickets, which are $20 to $25.

• **Opera and food:** There will be food, wine and music at The Fulchino Vineyard, 187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis, Saturday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. The event includes paired tastings of Fulchino Vineyard Wine, Tuscan Kitchen's artisan Italian hors d'oeuvres and music by singers Jimi James and Julie Diniz, who will perform opera, showtunes and standards. Tickets are $59. Call 438-5984.

• **The other belly:** After nearly 13 years of "scandal, revenge, debauchery, mayhem and murder," organizers of the Portsmouth Underbelly tour announced there's a new tour in town: The Other-Belly Tour, which will be presented Sundays at 6 p.m. throughout the summer. (The regular Portsmouth Underbelly Tour will still continue on Saturdays and Mondays, also at 6 p.m.) The Other-Belly Tour is kind of like the Underbelly's stepmother in that it includes Portsmouth stories and events that usually go missing in "more presentable" history books, as described in the release, but contains different information for those Underbelly attendees who've already been on the tour multiple times. Tours start at the corner of State and Pleasant streets at The Rusty Hammer (49 Pleasant St., Portsmouth). Visit underbellyports.net for details on both tours.

— *Kelly Sennott*

org, call 558-6688.

• **I CAN'T DIE BUT ONCE: HARRIET TUBMAN'S CIVIL WAR** Living history performance by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti. Thurs., July 9, at 7 p.m. Amherst Town Library, 14 Main St., Amherst. Free, registration required. Call 673-2288, email library@amherstlibrary.org, visit amherstlibrary.org.

• ***HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING*** Winner of Tony Award for Best Musical and Pulitzer Prize. Fri., July 10, at 7 p.m.; Sat., July 11, at 2 and 7 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. $15. Call 225-1111, visit ccanh.com.

• ***BYE BYE BIRDIE*** Musical. Produced, directed, choreographed by elaine Gatchell, musically directed by Bruce Gatchell. July 10 through July 26, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., Wednesday at 2 p.m. Leddy Center for the Performing Arts, 38C Ladd's Lane, Epping. $18. Visit leddycenter.org, call 679-2781.

• ***THE FOX ON THE FAIRWAY*** Directed by Becky Rush. Majestic Theatre production. Fri., July 10, at 7 p.m.; Sat., July 11, at 7 p.m.; Sun., July 12, at 2 p.m. Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. $15. Visit majestictheatre.net, call 669-7469.

• ***SOMETHING WONDERFUL I MISSED: THE MUSICALS OF 1985*** Not Your Mom's Musical Theatre production. Sun., July 12, at 4 p.m. Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. Suggested $5-$10 donation. Visit notyourmomsmusicaltheater.com.

• ***PETER PAN*** Palace Youth Theater. Tues., July 14, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., July 15, at 10 a.m.; Thurs., July 16, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. $9. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588.

• ***THE MERCHANT OF VENICE*** Open Door Theatre production. Fri., July 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., July 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., July 19, at 3 p.m. New England College, 58 Depot Hill Road, Henniker. $10. Call 428-2382,



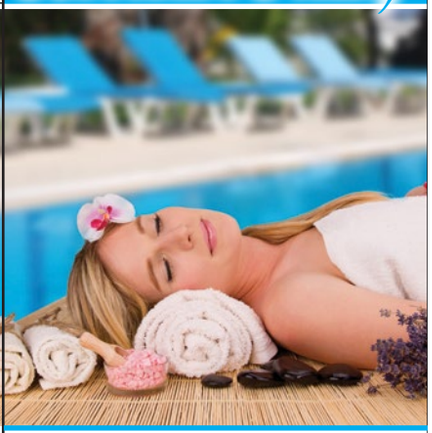




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Furniture-making freedom

Last "Schools of Thought" show features UNH students

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A library stand by David Masury. Courtesy photo.

Many pieces within "Schools of Thought IV: UNH" were created by students of furniture master Dan Valenza in the 1970s, but you wouldn't be able to tell by looking at them.

"The biggest takeaway for me was that Dan gave us the freedom to explore and experiment," said Exeter artist and former student Jeffrey Cooper via phone.

The show is the fourth in a series of exhibitions featuring pieces by students of various furniture-making schools. Past shows highlighted work by students at the Rochester Institute of Technology, the Rhode Island School of Design, Boston University's Program in Artisanry, the North Bennet Street School and the College of the Redwoods.

Most pieces on display are sculptural in nature, said curator Ted Blachly during a tour of the show, but each is distinct. The wood, styles and designs by featured UNH teachers and students Cooper, David Masury, Michael Ciardelli, Mark Ragonese (who all studied under Valenza) and Leah Woods are all completely different, notable because it's sometimes the case that, while working under a particular master, his students will be inspired by his work and, as a result, mimic it.

Valenza, Cooper said, never had the expectation his students would work exactly as he did. He gave them permission to run free, and while he provided guidance, he also encouraged them to be unafraid to try something different and learn through experience.

"When you're woodworking, almost every time you're doing something you've never done before," Cooper said. "There's a large element of stepping back, scratching your head, looking at the design of the project and wondering, how can I do this?"

Cooper, who attended the adult education program in the early '80s, has two pieces on display. "Fragrant Flow" is a bench shaped around a piece of stone with a verse from "Song of Solomon" carved along the legs. The other, "Ants Totem," is like a free-standing shelf, a tribute to an ant colony destroyed when the walnut tree used was harvested. Miniature sculpted ants crawl along the back and on the table itself.

This freeform education philosophy is similar to the one UNH art professor Leah Woods uses with her students today. She teaches beginning woodworking and a furniture design workshop, which is an independent study you can take numerous times. Past students have made boats, skateboards, surfboards, you name it.

While the students usually have the freedom to explore, she's constantly trying to mix things up. One semester, she brought the kids to Strawbery Banke and asked them to create a piece of furniture for a colonial hallway. Last year, she invited a furniture maker from Ghana to meet and work with her students. Together, they made a gigantic lobster coffin.

"I love that the group of students I have at UNH, for the most part, are really interested in almost anything I show them," Woods said at the gallery.

One of her more recent students is featured in the show. Molly Thunberg, the youngest artist with work on display, has created chip carved plates made from basswood that hang along the side wall.

Woods also has two pieces on display. One is a hall table made from white oak and maple with brass hardware. Its bottom contains a seemingly woven wood design, and its feet meet the floor at a neat point, meant to look as though it's resting very lightly on the ground.

The other is a lady's shoe cabinet, inspired by an episode of *Sex and the City* in which Sarah Jessica Parker tears her closet apart while looking for a pair of shoes.

"I started thinking, if this woman pays $600 for a pair of shoes, it might seem reasonable she might want to see them more than the one time per year she's able to wear them," Woods said. "I started thinking about women's shoes specifically. When you go to a high-end boutique, how do you see the shoe? What angle did they stand at, and how were they displayed?"

See the show

Where: Furniture Masters' Gallery, 49 S. Main St., Concord
When: On view July 10 through Sept. 7
Reception: Friday, June 26, 5-7 p.m.
Visit: furnituremasters.org

LOCAL COLOR —

NH art world news



Pictured, "Summer Harmony" by Betsy Craumer of Bedford. Courtesy image.

• **New gallery in the works:** According to a recent press release, there will soon be a new gallery in town: Creative Ventures Gallery and Studio, located on Route 101A in Amherst in a little yellow house. Pastel painter Elizabeth (Betsy) Craumer of Bedford, who has long recognized the need artists have to work in a place free from home life distractions, is spearheading the venture. When ready, there will be space for a handful of artists to make their "home away from home" work studio here, and artisans will also place work in the gallery on consignment. A website will be available soon; in the meantime, email betsycraumer@comcast.net.

• **Recognizing the Currier:** The Currier Museum of Art recently received the New Hampshire Association for the Blind Access Award for its effort to make the visual arts more accessible for those with blindness or other visual impairments. The museum boasts audio tours and verbal description tours for all visitors, and there are also visitors' guides available in large print and Braille. (You can also get other museum brochures, calendars and inFocus catalogues in Braille or large print by request.) There was a celebration at the museum June 22.

• **Want to get an MFA in New Hampshire?** The New Hampshire Institute of Art hosts a prospective student visiting day Thursday, June 25, from 2 to 7 p.m., at the Sharon Arts Center, 30 Grove St., Peterborough. Interested individuals can tour the campus, sit in on program seminars and attend a reception with current students and faculty. RSVP to gradadmissions@nhia.edu.

This is also a great weekend to see current MFA student work. The MFA graduating student exhibition happens Saturday, June 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the gallery, where there will be displays and presentations by graduating artists and photographers. (If you want to hear the work by graduating MFA writing students, there are readings at the Monadnock Center, 19 Grove St., Peterborough, on Thursday, June 25, from 1 to 4 p.m., and Friday, June 26, from 1 to 4 p.m.) For details, visit nhiamfa.com/events or contact Emily Bradley at 836-2122.

• **Locally-made art at St. Joseph Hospital:** St. Joseph Hospital (172 Kinsley St., Nashua) showcases a new round of art by local artists as part of the hospital's Art Reach Project, a collaboration between St. Joseph Hospital and the local art community that looks to use art to inspire healing. There's a community art reception Thursday, June 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at which time attendees can view the art in the main hallways of the hospital and discuss the projects with featured artists Duane Bean, Chris Bower, Aimee Cozza, Jaqui Hawk, Rita Pelland and Arlene Sirott-Cope. All pieces are on sale, and 15 percent of their sale proceeds will go to the St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center. Visit neartreach.com.

— *Kelly Sennott*

visit nec.edu/events/merchat-venice/, email nectheatre@nec.edu.

• ***THE WEDDING SINGER*** Teen Actorsingers production. Fri., July 17, at 8 p.m.; Sat., July 18, at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sun., July 19, at 2 p.m. Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua. $12-$15. Visit actorsingers.org.

• ***THE KID OF BILLY THE KID*** Written and directed by Jared Mezzocchi. Sat., July 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., July 19, at 2 p.m.; Wed., July 22, at 7:30 p.m.; Thurs., July 23, at 7:30 p.m.; Fri., July 24, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., July 25, at 7:30 p.m. Andy's Summer Playhouse, 582 Isaac Frye Highway, Wilton. $14. Visit andyssummerplayhouse.org, call 654-2613.

• ***ALADDIN*** Palace Youth Theatre production. Tues., July 21, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., July 22, at 10 a.m.; Thurs., July 23, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. $9. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588.

• ***WEST SIDE STORY*** Majestic Theatre production. Fri., July 24, at 7 p.m.; Sat., July 25, at 7 p.m.; Fri., July 31, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 1, at 7 p.m.; Sun., Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. $20. Visit majestictheatre.net, call 669-7469.

• ***THE MAGIC FLUTE*** Piccola Opera production. Fully-staged with orchestra, 30-member cast. Fri., July 24, at 7:30 p.m., Sat., July 25, at 7:30 p.m. Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. $25-$28. Visit piccolaopera.net.

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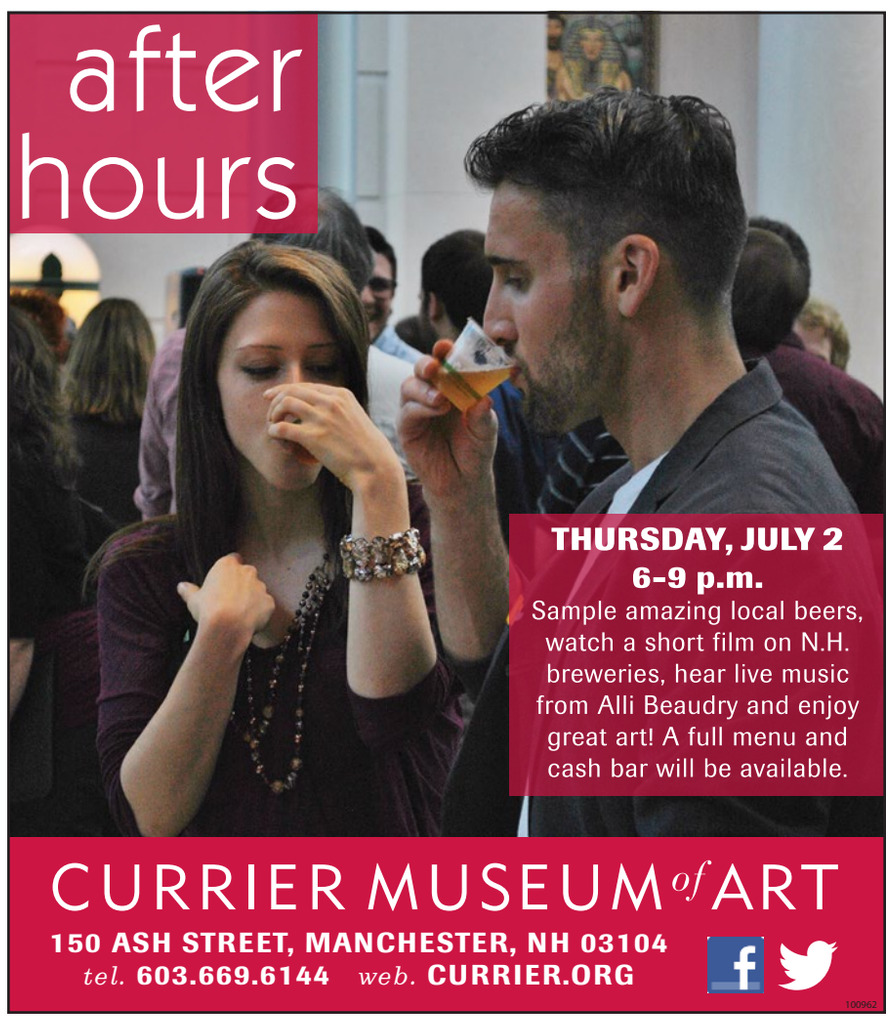
• **ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL: ART REACH PROJECT** Showcase new round of local artists for Art Reach project. View art in main hallway of hospital and discuss projects with featured artists. Reception Thurs., June 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. St. Joseph Hospital, 172 Kinsley St., Nashua. Visit neartreach.com, stjosephhospital.com/artreach.

• **MARKET DAYS CONCORD ARTS MARKET** During Market Days, the Concord Arts Market is a three-day event. Thurs., June 25, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri., June 26, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., June 27, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. N. Main St., Concord. Visit granitestateartsmarket.com/concord-arts-market.html.









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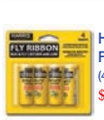


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SCULPTURE ON THE COAST

This Sunday, June 28, from 3 to 4 p.m., independent curator and art consultant Rebecca Reynolds and director/curator of the Ogunquit Museum of American Art Ron Crusan present a lecture, "Sculpture on the Seacoast: From Massachusetts Bay Colony to our Modern Art Colonies" at the Discover Portsmouth Center, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth. Reynolds will address the history of modern sculpture in this region, starting with 17th century stone carvings and continuing through the "overlooked achievements" of 18th and 19th century woodcarving. Her main focus will be on the sculptors who gathered on Cape Ann the last century. Crusan will speak on modernism in America and about the artists who gave voice to the movement through 3D form. Admission is $12, $8 for Historic New England and Discover Portsmouth Center members. Registration is required; visit historicnewengland.org, call 436-3205.

Fairs

• **REBEL ARTS CRAFTERS GUILD FUN & FUNKY CRAFT FAIR** Fun and edgy craft show. Sat., June 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. American Legion Post, 538 W. Main St., Hillsborough. Email dyegirlsdesign@gmail.com.

• **SUMMER FUN CRAFT FAIR** More than 80 exhibitors will display wide variety of juried crafts, including glass art, metal art, quilts, pillows, primitive crafts, folk art, fine art, etc. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., June 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road, Tilton.

• **GUNSTOCK MOUNTAIN RESORT 4TH OF JULY CRAFT FAIR** More than 100 exhibitors present. Sat., July 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Gunstock Mountain Resort, 719 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford.

Openings

• **18TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBIT** Outdoor sculpture show. On view June 26 through Oct. 18. Reception Sun., June 28, 2-4 p.m. Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord. Call 226-2046, visit themillbrookgallery.com.

Classical Music Events

• **WINE, FOOD & SONG: FULCHINO VINEYARD** Tastings of wine, Tuscan Kitchen food, performances by singers Jimi James and Julie Diniz. Sat., June 27, at 7:30 p.m. Fulchino Vineyard, 187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis. $59. Call 438-5984, visit fulchinovineyard.com, email fulchinovineyard@charter.net.

• **DESTINY AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Concert performance by children from Kampala Children's Centre in Uganda. Proceeds help raise funds for center, which gives education/homes to children devastated by war and AIDS. Sat., June 27, at 7 p.m. Brookline Community Church, 2 Main St., Brookline. Admission by donation. Visit destinyafrica.org, bccnh.org, call 673-7511.

• **FREE RADICALS: ARTISTS CAN BE HUMAN TOO** Concert featuring music by Lauren Kaiser, Dorothy Braker, Paul Dykstra, featuring Aaron Copeland's song cycle of poetry by Emily Dickinson and music by Brahms, Rachmaninoff and Chopin. Part of Concerts on the Hill series. Sun., June 28, at 4 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, 101 Chapel St., Portsmouth. $15 suggested donation. Visit stjohnsnh.org/COTH.

• **FREES BROS BIG BAND** Concert part of Friends of Stark Park Music Series. Sun., June 28, 2-4 p.m. Stark Park, N. River Road, Manchester. Free.

• **MUSIC ON THE LAWN** 39th Army Band of the NH Army National Guard concert. Wed., July 1, at 6:30 p.m. Durham Public Library, 49 Madbury Road, Durham.

• **DAVID HYDE COSTELLO** Musician and author performs *Little Pig Joins the Band*. Hyde shares original songs and some of his homemade musical instruments made from common household items. Wed., July 1, at 6:30 p.m. Durham Public Library, 49 Madbury Road, Durham. Free.

• **SYMPHONY NH CHAMBER PLAYERS** Bach's Lunch Concert. Wed., July 1, at noon. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free.

• **JARKOVA VIOLIN AND PIANO ENSEMBLE** Concert part of Bach's Lunch Concert Series. Wed., July 8, at noon. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Free. Call 589-4610, email carol.eyman@nashualibrary.org, visit nashualibrary.org.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Market Days are here again

Concord Market Days Festival returns early this year

By Angie Sykeny
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Despite major construction in the downtown area, Concord is still holding its 41st Annual Market Days Festival in the traditional place on Main Street — just a little earlier this year. While the festival has always been held in July, this year it will be held Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27.

"It's meant to be in the heart of downtown," Liza Poinier, operations manager of Intown Concord, said. "Moving it wouldn't be the same, and as it turns out, this year's fest will be bigger and better than ever."

With more than 50,000 attendees, Market Days is central New Hampshire's largest free community event of the year. The festival features live music, kids' activities, demonstrations, over 170 vendors and more.

In Bicentennial Square, you'll find the Homegrown Music Stage, where local and independent musicians perform. In Eagle Square, watch contestants compete in the Pitch Perfect singing contest, with the finals on Saturday evening. At the South Main Park Stage, located on South Main Street, there will be over a dozen local performers, including Club Soda on Thursday at 6 p.m., and the Freese Brothers Big Band on Friday at 6:30 p.m., as well as a movie under the stars — *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938) — on Friday night at dusk.



A previous Market Days Festival. Courtesy photo.

41st Annual Market Days Festival

Where: Downtown Concord, on Main Street and side streets
When: Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Cost: Free admission; $5 wristband for all-day access to mini golf and Krazy Kids play area
Visit: intownconcord.org

The intersection of Pleasant and Main streets is home to roller derby and skateboard demonstrations as well as the second annual FIT challenge on Saturday at 10 a.m., where teams of two will compete in a series of challenges.

"You don't have to be a fitness buff to participate," Poinier said. "It's not a serious strong-man contest. It's more like *Survivor*, where there's physical and mental challenges."

The Statehouse lawn is the Free Family Fun area where, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, kids can participate in crafts, storytimes and games. Also in this area, in celebration of Concord's 250th anniversary, the Abbot-Downing Historical Society will have an original, restored Concord Coach on view from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Head to the City Plaza for a round of golf at the second annual Market Days Mini Golf Course. The course has 10 custom holes, each designed by local businesses. Krazy Kids of Concord will also have a kids play area set up with bouncy houses and games.

Get an up-close look and learn about community vehicles and trucks at the Touch-a-Truck on North Main Street and Centre Street, from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. From 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, the Lone Wolf Cruisers Car Club will have a classic car show.

Meet with more than 20 local artists and crafters and find one-of-a-kind items at the Concord Arts Market, held on Pleasant Street between Main and State streets.

Festival-goers are also invited to enjoy the newly renovated east side of North Main Street.

"It's not the same Main Street it's always been," Poinier said. "It's transformed. There's new trees, benches, sidewalks. It's just lovely, and it's going to be brand new, so people at Market Days will be the first to experience the area without all the trucks."

If you need a break from the festival or are wondering where to go, stop by Intown Concord's Beer & Hospitality Tent on North Main Street in front of Capitol Plaza where you can get a cold beverage and pick up a Market Days map and schedule.

Poinier said the city was very cooperative in making Market Days happen, even with all the construction.

"It's such a huge part of the identity of the people who live in Concord," she said. "We have people who have been vendors since its first year, and volunteers who have volunteered since its first year. It's something people look forward to, and it's beloved."

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Summertime fun

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Believe it or not

Kelley Library (234 Main St., Salem) will have a **Local Heroes program** on Friday, June 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Kids ages 10 and up are invited to learn about Ripley's heroes and Guinness Record Breakers while also exploring their own special talents through fun activities. Call 898-7064 or visit salem.lib.nh.us.

Stories outside

Join the Merrimack Public Library at Abbie Griffin Park (6 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack) on Friday, June 26, from noon to 12:45 p.m., for **storytime in the park**. Kids will hear a variety of stories, then participate in an outdoorsy activity. Picnic lunches are encouraged. Call 424-5021 or visit merrimack.lib.nh.us.

Head to the field in Keyes Memorial Park (Elm Street, Milford) on Friday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to noon, for **storytime in the park** with the Wadleigh Memorial Library. Enjoy books, fun activities and an outdoor play time. Call 249-0645 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

It's show time

Stop by the Concord Public Library (45 Green St., Concord) on Friday, June 26, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., for the **Greg & Axel Show**. Greg the magician and his 80-pound dog Axel put on a show with magic, comedy and audience participation. Call 225-8670 or visit onconcord.com.

Children's musician Steve Blunt is coming to the Goffstown Town Common on Saturday, June 27, at noon. Kids of all ages and their families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy this high-energy concert. The Goffstown Public Library will provide dessert. Call 497-2102 or visit goffstownlibrary.com.

Creepy crawlies

Join Amoskeag Fishways (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) for a family fun night on Friday, June 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The theme is **A Plethora of Parasites: Lamprey, Ticks and More**. Learn about how these creatures behave and survive, then make a tick repellent to take home. The cost is $5 per family and pre-registration is required. Call 626-3474 or visit amoskeagfishways.org.

Children & Teens

Children events

• **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF POETRY** Children's Museum of NH three-hour poetry workshop for children. Sat., June 27, 1-4 p.m. Children's Museum of NH, 6 Washington St., Dover. $8. Visit childrens-museum.org

• **SUMMER READING KICKOFF** Program will feature local puppeteer, Diane Kordas, and will be followed by a puppet workshop for children. The kids will make a paper dragon puppet to take home. Sat., June 27, 11 a.m. Chester Public Library , 3 Chester St., Chester. Free. Call 887-3404.

• **WENTWORTH MARINA STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS** Kids fishing tournament followed by entertainment, lunch and an awards ceremony. Ages 8 to 16. Sun., June 28. Wentworth By The Sea Marina, 116 Morgans Way, New Castle . See online for pricing details. Visit lhcfonline.com.

• **BIG TRUCK DAY** Meet local heroes and get a chance to see and touch their super vehicles. Mon., June 29, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free. Call 249-0645.

• **STORYBOARDING** Join Katie and Miss Trina in a fun and creative cartooning session. Writers will be encouraged to share an original story focusing on various story elements while utilizing cartoon strip templates. Ideally it's best to come with some ideas so your time can be spent getting them all on paper. For grades 3-8. Wed., July 1, 1 to 3 p.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Registration required. Call 249-0645.

• **SUPERHERO MOVIE MARATHON** Wed., July 1, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rodgers Memorial Library , 194 Derry Road, Hudson. Free. Visit rodgerslibrary.org.

• **CAPTAIN AMERICA OBSTACLE COURSE** Children's activity at the library. Thurs., July 2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson. Free. Visit rodgerslibrary.org.

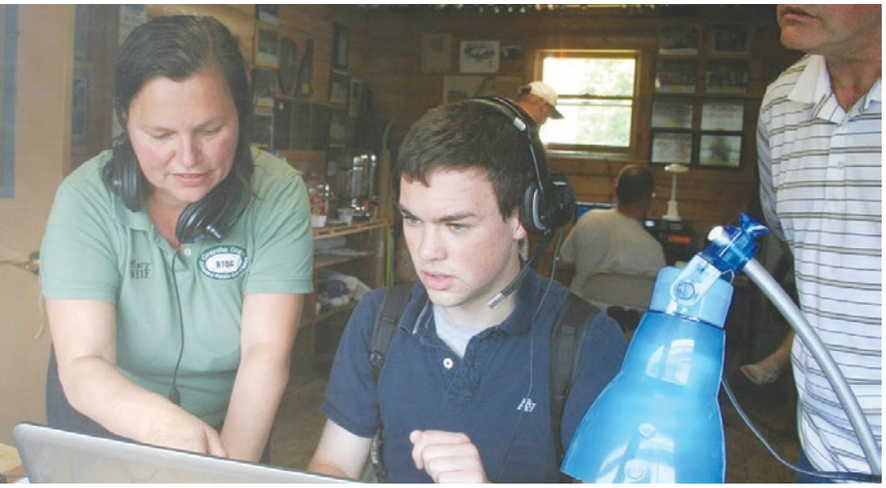
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Teen events

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On the air

Amateur Radio hosts Field Day



Participant tries operating a HAM radio at last year's Field Day. Courtesy photo.

By Angie Sykeny
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Amateur radio, or HAM radio, has been around for over 100 years, and even in the age of cellphones and the Internet, it remains the only reliable means of communication in an emergency. From Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m., to Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m., the Granite State Amateur Radio Association will be at Bedford's Earl Legacy Park to participate in Field Day, when thousands of amateur radio operators across the country try to reach as many other operators as they can in a 24-hour period to exchange information and give each other signal reports.

During this time, the public is invited to stop by the park, learn about amateur radio and try it out for themselves.

"Anybody can walk in, with or without a license, and operate a radio, or just watch, and we'll coach them," said Dennis Markell, Granite State Amateur Radio Association president. "It's a chance to see how radio works and talk with people from Maine to California and everywhere in between."

GSARA will have four radio stations in the Bedford Cross Country Ski Club's cabin in the park, with antennas set up around the outside. A major part of Field Day is operating as if it were an emergency situation, meaning the stations will be powered by batteries and generators.

"Most of the time we operate out of our homes with regular power, but in emergencies, when the power is out, it takes a totally different discipline to run it," Markell said. "It's important to learn how to quickly set up reliable communications, and that's what we practice on Field Day. We mimic what would happen in a true emergency."

Upon arrival, people will be welcomed at an educational table where they can learn about Field Day and the activities they can do and ask questions about amateur radio.

At three stations, GSARA members will be at work, communicating with other operators around the country. They'll be demonstrating how to broadcast on different bands and frequencies as well as with three different modes of transmission: verbal (talking into a mike); digital (transmitting text, similar to an email or instant message); and Morse code.

The fourth station, called the "Get on the Air Station," is for attendees to try out broadcasting for themselves and experiment with any or all three transmission modes.

For those interested in the engineering aspect, a GSARA member will be demonstrating how to solder parts onto a board and create a homemade radio.

New Hampshire has numerous amateur radio classes, clubs and licensing exams year-round. Markell said the Field Day is an opportunity not only for those wanting to learn about radio for emergency preparedness, but also for kids and teens who are considering taking it up as a hobby.

"It's a great thing for children to get involved and learn about the science of radio in a hands-on way, rather than just sitting in a classroom," he said. "It's a way to practice verbal and communication skills, learn about electronics, and it gives them great tools at an early age that they carry through their lifetime."

Field Day with the Granite State Amateur Radio Association

Where: Earl Legacy Park, New Boston Road, Bedford
When: Saturday, June 27, at 2 p.m., through Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m.
Cost: Free
Visit: gsara.org



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Beating weeds

How to keep them under control

By Henry Homeyer
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I love weeding. It creates order out of chaos. Weeding also makes my plants thrive. Weeds compete with vegetables and flowers for sunshine, moisture, nitrogen and micro-nutrients. In the early spring when my perennials are just waking up, I am careful not to yank their little green sprouts, thinking they are weeds. In fact, I often let some of my weeding go until late May or even mid-June when everything is obvious.

Dandelions can get a bit rambunctious in the garden beds, and I pull them without compunction. Because they have a deep taproot, they are best pulled when the soil is moist. I use a long narrow shovel, one sold as a "drain spade," to loosen the soil down 12 to 16 inches. This spade is just 6 inches wide but the blade is 16 inches long. I push the blade deep into the soil, pull back a little, push it forward, and then slowly pull out the weed.

Sometimes I see a little dandelion and just grab it and pull, only to have the top break off while the roots remain. Whenever you leave dandelion roots, or even fragments of root, the plant will grow back.

Burdock and thistles also have tap roots, some going down very deep. The older the weed, the deeper the root. I've pulled mature burdock plants with roots nearly two feet deep. This is only possible when the soil is moist.

It's really critical, especially for any weed that produces lots of seeds, that you not let them flower. If you don't have time to dig them out, at least snip off the flowers. Many weeds have green flowers, and some will produce seeds even after being pulled if they have already formed flowers. I don't throw noxious weeds, things like goutweed, in the compost pile for fear they will grow and spread — or leave seeds.

My favorite weeding tool is the CobraHead weeder. This is shaped like a tine on farmer's cultivator — or a bent steel finger. I like it because it is narrow in profile and curved in a way that allows me to easily get the blade under the roots of a weed. I pull from below with the CobraHead while pulling the tops from above. I drag it through the soil in a bed after weeding and am always surprised by now many fragments of root it brings to the surface. I can use it with one hand or two. I use it for loosening the soil while planting, too. It is neither right- or left-handed, it is lightweight, and the handle is made from recycled plastic.

The CobraHead is great for teasing out long roots, too. I once pulled out a root 39 inches long in one piece, just gently loosening with the tool while tugging on the weed.



Drain spade and burdock roots. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

Another great weeding tool is a favorite of my comic hero, Calvin, of Calvin and Hobbes. I refer to my flame thrower. It is technically a flame weeder, but Calvin and I refer to it as a flame thrower. It's a metal wand on a 10-foot rubber hose attached to a propane tank normally used for gas grills. Light it, and it sends a flame out of the nozzle that will turn any weed crispy in an instant.

I often use my flame weeder on freshly turned soil. I let weed seeds germinate for a week or more, then burn them off before I plant. I try not to disturb the flamed soil when planting, as seeds that have been buried deeply will not germinate, but those on the surface, or near the surface will. Many weeds have what I call a photo-trigger. No light? They won't germinate.

One of the worst weeds in the world is garlic mustard. Not only will it outcompete other plants in the understory, it can grow in full sun to full shade and can produce many tens of thousands of seeds per square yard. Garlic mustard is also allelopathic, meaning that it produces chemicals that inhibit the growth of other plants and fungi needed for healthy tree growth and tree seedling survival.

A friend last year hired a guy to pull all the garlic mustard under her trees and shrubs. It pulls easily, and he quickly filled wheelbarrows full of mature plants. But this year there were thousands of tiny garlic mustard seedlings popping up all over, even in the bark mulch he had put down. I lent him my flame weeder, and in no time he had burned off the small plants.

Many weeds can be deterred by a good thick layer of mulch. Seeds don't germinate, or seedlings can't push through the mulch, particularly if you lay down four to six sheets newspaper before mulching. Other, aggressive weeds will. Mature Japanese knotweed roots have been said to push through an asphalt driveway! Still, most garden weeds are really just enthusiastic plants that want to be your friends! My practice is to pull weeds every day, and I hope to finally beat them!

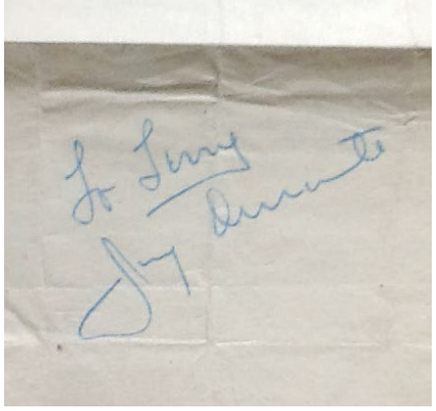
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IN/OUT TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,

My wife was a waitress back in the early '50s. One day she waited on Jimmy Durante in a Howard Johnson's and got his autograph on the back of an order blank. She is wondering if it has any value and where she might bring it to sell. We would appreciate it if you could help us.

Ron



Dear Ron,

Autographs are a business in itself. Some can bring astronomical money in the market and some can bring just a couple of dollars.

Autographs are sometimes not about being antique but more about who wrote them and how many that person did during his or her popular time in history. A handwritten signature by a famous president, athlete, movie star, astronaut, etc. could be worth a lot but may not be if they provided so many that they are not hard to find even today.

Sometimes you can find autographs on the weirdest things, like your wife's receipt or other objects that people just happen to have had on hand when seeing the famous person. I think it's sweet to have one of Jimmy Durante's on a Howard Johnson's order slip.

When I asked my youngest daughter if she had heard of Jimmy Durante, she didn't know who I was talking about so I had to explain to her and show my age. I explained he was great actor and comedian from the 1920s through the 1970s. He died in 1980, which is part of the reason — her being born in 1989 — that she wasn't aware of him.

I did research and found Jimmy was a man who did a lot of autographs and the values of several different ones fell into the $200 range, with some lower. So I think your wife had two nice things happen to her that day. She got to meet him, and she now has a treasure.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

ing grades 6-12 can play laser tag in the library after hours. Mon., June 29, 9:30 p.m. Rodger's Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road, Hudson. Pre-registration and signed release form required to participate. Visit rodgerslibrary.org.

• **TEEN CUPCAKE WARS** Work as a team or individual and design a cupcake to be entered in one of five categories (TBA). Frosting and other decorations will be provided, but you may bring in extra props/supplies for your design. Then judge the other categories. Grades 6 through 12. Tues., June 30, 3 to 4 p.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free. Call 249-0645.

Health & Wellness

Events

• **TIGHTEN, TONE AND FIRM WITH THE CRAZY WRAP THING** Learn about body wraps and try one for yourself. Tues., June 30, 6 to 8 p.m. TI Fitness, 83 Hanover St., Manchester. $25 to try a wrap. Visit crazywrapswithkimberly.com.

• **THE POWER OF FOOD** Discussion on how to cook meals that promote good health, and topics like GMOs, food allergies, sugars and other areas with chef Oonagh Williams, chef, food allergy expert, and author of Delicious Gluten Free Cooking. Tues., July 14, from 6-7 p.m. Fire Dept. Headquarters training room, 24 Horseshoe Pond Lane, Concord. Free. Registration required. See concordfoodcoop.coop/classes, or call 225-6840.

Marketing & Business

Personal finance

• **NEW RETIREMENT PLANNING STRATEGIES** Local retirement planners and guest speakers from SOFA (The Society for Financial Awareness) will present an educational workshop. Tues., June 30, 1 to 2:30 p.m., or 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dover Public Library , 73 Locust St. , Dover. Free. Call 516-6050.

Miscellaneous

Car & motorcycle shows

• **CAR SHOW** Join the Bedford Historical Society for their 10th Annual Antique & Classic Car & Truck & Motorcycle Show. Raffles, food, and activities for kids. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Raindate: Sun., June 28. Bedford Village Commons, Bedford. $5 per person, kids 12 and under are free. Call 471-6336 or email carshow@bedfordhistoricalnh.org.

Pet events

• **A DAY FOR THE DOGS** Event offering information from various pet adoption organizations, local trainers, groomers, pet walkers & sitters, treat makers and artists. Sat., June 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Depot Park, Depot Square, Peterborough. Free. Call 769-0274.

Nature & Gardening

Animals/insects

• **MOOSE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** In this program, learn about the history of moose in New Hampshire, their current status and how we can sustain them in the future. Tues., June 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m. NH Audubon, 84 Silk Farm Road, Manchester. Donations accepted. Call 224-9909 or visit nhaudubon.org.

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Mechanics should get approval for big bills



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

I recently took my wife's 2001 Accord to my (independent) mechanic for a 180,000-mile "check-up." I told him that I noticed an oil leak and asked if he could figure out the problem. I have been taking my wife's car to him for years and didn't ask for an estimate, because the 30,000-mile service usually is between $200-$300. Later in the day, I called him to check on the car, and he informed me that in addition to the 180,000-mile service (roughly $300) and fixing the oil leak ($100 — leaking oil-pressure sending unit), he found a faulty steering pump and replaced it; the total bill was $1,000. He never called me to inform me of any of this — no estimate whatsoever. I did not argue with him over the phone, and spoke to him (away from other customers) in his shop. I politely but firmly told him that his failure to ask for my authorization did not sit well with me. He said he "figured that I couldn't replace the pump myself" (which is not true), and that he was doing me a favor. He admitted he was wrong and took $70 off the $1,000 bill. I am very conflicted about the whole thing. On the one hand, he's taken care of our cars for years and has occasionally done things without charging us. On the other hand, this is not the first time he's done work without getting authorization from me. Should I continue to use him as a mechanic? Should I seek to recoup the cost of the repair, since he never got my authorization? — Jeff

Gee, I think this guy crossed the line, Jeff. We have lots of customers who drop off their cars and say: "Whatever it is, just fix it. Don't even bother calling me." But when we find something that's going to cost $500 or $1,000, we call them anyway.

That kind of bill is an unpleasant surprise for anyone, and we'd rather our customers go through their full five stages of grief before they pick up the car. We want them to have already arrived at "acceptance" by the time we run their credit card.

This guy should have called you. Whether you continue to use him as a mechanic is up to you. You say he's taken good care of your cars for years. But he did take a rather cavalier attitude toward spending your money this time. I'd look behind his shop and see if he's got a boat parked back there. If he's making payments on a Bayliner 642 Overnighter, it might be best to move on.

On the other hand, years of good service do count for something. And you say he's done other work for you over the years that he never got authorized. Presumably, you didn't complain about those repairs, so maybe he assumed that was your arrangement.

But that was a bad assumption on his part. It's fine for a $100 oil-pressure sending unit (which probably should have been $50, by the way). But when the bill is hundreds more than a customer is expecting, a mechanic really has to call and get approval. So he made a mistake.

If you do stay with him, he'll have to earn back your trust. So the new era should start with a clarification: From now on, he's to call you before he does anything. Even if you just need air in the tires.

Dear Car Talk:

Recently, due to the bad weather and bad roads, I had a strut on the rear driver's side break. It actually broke, came loose and fell down. I drove on it very cautiously so as not to damage anything else. But a couple of days later, I drove to the supermarket, only to find that the shock that had fallen was back upright again. What's going on? It's like it just repaired itself, but that can't happen, right? — Dana

Well, once in a blue moon, we do have the occasional part pull a "Lazarus" on us. But it's usually an electronic part. And even then, it's usually only a "temporary Lazarus."

But I don't think that's what happened here. I think your strut mount broke. The strut itself is the shock absorber surrounded by the spring. That connects to the body of the car via a large, rubber strut mount that bolts to the body.

If that mount breaks, the top of the strut can fall down, out of the wheel well, and flop around. And it can flop back. If you hit another pothole, the strut could bounce back up into its normal position in the wheel well.

But the problem is, it's not attached to anything. So it's not fixed.

It sounds like you need a new strut mount on that driver's side. And if the strut is old, you might as well replace it, too, while you have everything out, since there's not much additional labor involved.

If it's a car you're planning to keep for a while, I'd advise you to do both sides back there. If one strut mount was so worn out that it broke, the other one probably is not far behind.

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RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

The Dover Public Library (73 Locust St., Dover) is having an educational workshop about New Retirement Planning Strategies on Tuesday, June 30, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Local retirement planners will offer information about retirement risks, wills and trusts, estate planning, Social Security, 401k's and IRA's, Medicaid rules and more. This is a free program. Visit dover.lib.nh.us or call 516-6050 to reserve your spot.

• **WHAT'S THAT DRAGONFLY?** A walk to learn about the dragonflies and damsel flies that can be discovered in the region. Bring your camera, and you may want a note-book to record those interesting names. Sat., July 11, 8:30 to 10 a.m. TL Storer Boy Scout Reservation, 4 Adams Pond Road, Strafford. Free. Call 463-9400.

• **RECOVERING NH'S RABBIT - THE NEW ENGLAND COTTONTAIL** Learn about the recovery efforts and details of the life of New Hampshire's rabbits. Tues., July 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m. McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord. Donations accepted. Call 224-9909 or visit nhaudubon.org.

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Garden events

• **UNCANOONUC MT. PERENNIALS 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Formal Rose Garden in full bloom,35 bouquets & t-shirts to giveaway, complimentary brownies and iced tea. Sat., June 27 and Sun., June 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials, 452 Mountain Road, Goffstown. Free. Visit uncanoonucmt.com.

Gardening & farming events & workshops

• **SUMMER GARDEN SERIES** Series includes four workshops on currently trending topics in gardening and homesteading delivered by regional experts in the field. Basics of Seed Saving - Tues., June 2, 7 to 9 p.m.; Basics of Poultry Raising - Tues., June 16, 7 to 9 p.m.; Herbs for Flavor & Scent - Tues., June 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Gardening Rocks! Mobile Farm Event - Wed., July 1, 10 a.m. to noon. Pelham Public Library, 24 Village Green, Pelham. Free. Call 635-7581 or contact services@pelhamweb.com.

Nature hikes & walks

• **MUSHROOM FORAY** Walk along the trails and search for wild mushrooms while learning how to identify different species. Bring a container for your findings, bug spray, lunch and water. Sun., June 14, July 19 and Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beaver Brook Association, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis. $15. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **PLANTS TO KNOW, PLANTS TO EAT** A walk along the shores of Wild Goose Pond and in the woods beyond to search for edible foods the New Hampshire landscape provides. Bring a few containers to take home samples of your discoveries. Sat., Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Graylag Cabins, 320 Clough Road, Pittsfield . Free. Call 463-9400.

Sports & Recreation

Runs/walks/races

• **EXETER TRAIL RACE** Join in for the Exeter Trail Race, touted as the most technical race in New England. It features a 10-mile and a 4.6-mile race through the Oaklands and Henderson-Swasey Town Forests. Sat., June 27. 10a.m. Town Forests , 6 Commerce Way, Exeter. Races cost from $20 to $30. Visit acidoticracing.com. Email sarah.silverberg@gmail.com for questions.

• **ROSANNE'S RUSH RESEARCH 5K RUN/WALK** Run for a good cause at the 5th annual Rosanne's Rush for Research 5K Run/Walk, at 9 a.m. at Nashua High School South. The race will take runners through the trails of Mine Falls Park. Proceeds will support research for the treatment of triple negative breast cancer. Sun., June 28. 9 a.m. Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside St. , Nashua. Registration costs $25 for adults, $15 for children and free for kids under 6. Visit rushforresearch.org. Send email questions to Dave Sullivan at Dave@RushForResearch.org

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• **MERRIMACK SPARKLER 5K WALK/RUN** Give it your all at the Merrimack Sparkler 5K Run/Walk, starting at the Merrimack YMCA, 6 Henry Clay Drive, at 8 a.m. The race benefits Merrimack High School athletics. Sat., July 4. 8 a.m. Merrimack YMCA, 6 Henry Clay Dr. , Merrimack. Costs from $15 to $20 for adults and from $10 to $15 for kids. Email info@Sparkler5k.us for questions.

• **REVOLUTION RUN** This race features a 5K and a 10K route. Sat., July 4. 8:30 a.m. Holman Stadium, Amherst St. , Nashua. Registration costs from $30 to $40 for adults and from $5 to $20 for kids Visit revrunnashua.com.

• **LIVE FREE OR DIE 5000** Celebrate the state motto with a run. Live Free or Die 5000 was established to preserve the memory of Jeremy Graczyk and inspire others to live a life of meaning, every day. All proceeds go to the Major Jeremy J. Graczyk USMC Memorial Scholarship fund. Sat., July 11. 7 a.m. 60 Pope Field , Atkinson . Online registration costs from $20 to $30, and $35 for day-of registration. See livefreeordie5000.squarespace.com.

• **BEAR BROOK TRAIL MARATHON/ HALF-MARATHON** Tear up the trail at the Bear Brook Trail Marathon and half-marathon at 6 and 6:30 a.m. at Bear Brook State Park. The marathon takes runners throughout the 10,000-acre park and combines fast single-track sections with challenging climbs and descents. The half-marathon is 13 miles. Sun., July 12. 6 a.m. Bear Brook State Park , 157 Deerfield Rd. , Allenstown. Registration $55 for marathon and $45 for half. Visit ultrasignup.com. Send email to kfolcik2@gmail.com for questions.

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ON THE JOB

CARL HARMON

OWNER OF HARMON HILL FARMS



Carl Harmon and his wife Marlene opened Harmon Hill Farms in Hudson in 2001 after growing more plants than they had the space for. Today, they have over 3,500 varieties of daylilies on display and 1,800 for sale, as well as hostas and other plants. The farm's peak blooming season is mid July.

Q: *Explain in one sentence what your current job is.*

I provide the newest, best-performing daylilies to local markets and across the U.S.

How long have you worked there?

We started it in 2001.

How did you get interested in this field?

I was always a gardener, but I saw my first large daylily operation down at Heritage Museum [& Gardens] in Cape Cod, and shortly thereafter, I became hooked on growing daylilies.

What kind of education or training did you need for this job?

I had no specialized training. Just traveling to other locations and talking to lots of people, getting experience and learning from mistakes and successes.

How did you find your current job?

Well, we got to the point where we were growing so many plants and [doing it] so well that we had to do something with all the extra plants, so we decided to start selling them to the public.



Carl Harmon

What's the best piece of work-related advice anyone's ever given you?

Grow the plants the best you can and try to make customers happy.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

It's hard to get walk-in traffic in this business.

What is your typical at-work uniform?

A T-shirt, shorts, sneakers and a good hat.

What was the first job you ever had?

Working at Garrison Farm in Hudson when I was 13.

Five favorites

Favorite book: J. R. R. Tolkien series
Favorite movie: *Cool Hand Luke*
Favorite type of music or musician: Rock 'n' roll
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weekly DISH

News from the local food scene

By Allie Ginwala
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• **A sweet discussion:** Satisfy your sweet tooth and thirst for science all in one place during *Chocolate: The Secret Indulgence* at Derry Public Library (64 East Broadway, Derry, 432-6140, derrypl.org) on Monday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m., part of the library's "Escape the Ordinary" summer reading program. Guests will enjoy a discussion with Assistant Professor of Chemistry Michael Cross from Northern Essex Community College. Cross will talk about the chemicals in chocolate that cause biochemical reactions in the brain, the benefits of chocolate and the best ways to taste chocolate for quality. Registration is recommended but not required.

• **Brewing on the coast:** Celebrate community, food and great local brews at the first ever Seacoast Micro Brewfest on Saturday, July 11, organized by Seacoast Local and 7th Settlement Brewery. There will be local beer, food, music and more. Participating breweries include Beara Irish, Great Rhythm Brewing, North Country Cider, Throwback Brewery and others. General admission costs $30, VIP $50. Visit seacoastbrewfest.com for details and to buy tickets.

• **Largest liquor location:** The New Hampshire Liquor Commission opened its largest New Hampshire Liquor & Wine Outlet to date on Thursday, June 18, in the Rockingham Mall shopping plaza, according to a press release. The more than 24,000-square-foot Salem location will host a customer grand opening celebration in late July, complete with wine and spirit tastings and special discounts. "As our largest NH Liquor & Wine Outlet to date, this Salem location is slated to become one of our top three performing stores and will contribute significant revenue to the State of New Hampshire," NHLC chairman Joseph W. Mollica said in a press release. "This strategic location positions our NH Liquor & Wine Outlets brand alongside several popular national retailers in a convenient and highly visited destination."

• **A call for chili:** Whether you love to make chili or eat chili, be sure to head to Henniker for the 13th annual Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest, sponsored by the Henniker Rotary Club. On Sunday, Aug. 23, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Pats Peak Ski Area (686 Flanders Road, Henniker) will feature chili to sample from across the Northeast. Looking to

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FOOD

Strawberry weekend

Enjoy festivals of berries, ice cream and shortcake

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Enjoying ice cream and strawberry shortcake at the Hollis Strawberry Festival. Courtesy photo.

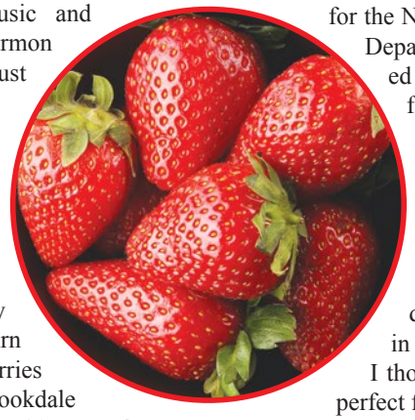
Every year in late June, events dedicated to celebrating strawberries offer shortcake, barbecues, local vendors and live music. From a decades-old tradition to a first-time festival, there's a strawberry-themed event that suits your tastes perfectly.

Strawberries and serenades

Since the 1960s, the Hollis Town Band and Hollis Woman's Club have teamed up to bring homemade shortcake and live music to the community during the annual **Hollis Strawberry Festival**.

"The Hollis Town Band used to do it themselves, and then it became a bigger event," festival chair Kimber Harmon said in a phone interview. "The wives of the band would pick the berries and make the shortcake. Then the Woman's Club took it over. I know we've been doing it since 1963."

Over the years, the organizers worked hard to keep the festival to its core focus of remaining a simple, small town event.



"It's about the music and the shortcakes," Harmon said. "You're here to just enjoy."

Using a new (but always homemade) recipe this year, about 40 volunteer bakers from the Woman's Club will get together the Friday and Saturday before the festival to turn 450 quarts of strawberries from Lull Farm and Brookdale Fruit Farm in Hollis into 80 pans of strawberry shortcake, which can be eaten with homemade whipped cream or ice cream from Dr. Davis Ice Cream in Pepperell, Mass.

"Our focus is a family-friendly event. You can feed the family for $20," she said.

When asked what makes the strawberry special enough to warrant its own festival, Harmon reflected on Hollis's roots.

"Have you been out to Hollis? You know that it's a farming community," she said. "It's the height of the strawberry season, and there's nothing like eating homegrown fresh strawberries."

Festival debut

Scott Blewitt, recreation director for the New London Recreation Department, knew he wanted to bring a strawberry festival to town when he first took the job three years ago.

"I quickly realized how many strawberries Spring Ledge Farm produced right down the road," he said in a phone interview. "So I thought this would be the perfect fit."

Together the New London Recreation Department, Center for the Arts, New London Historical Society and the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce partnered to create the first annual **New London Strawberry Festival**.

"I think we all had the common goal of having an event in New London to celebrate the strawberry season, especially to kind of start off the summer prior to the Fourth of July," Blewitt said.

The two-day festival kicks off on Saturday at the Town Green with a fine arts vendor display from the Center for the Arts, children's entertainment, local food and craft vendors and strawberry shortcakes from the New London Recreation Department.

"There'll be strawberries for sale at Spring Ledge Farm and I'm sure we'll have little pints or half pints for sale on the Town Green," he said.

On Sunday, the New London Historical Society will host Day 2 of the festival with strawberry ice cream, alpacas, horse-drawn buggy rides and old-time games.

"Being the first year I think this is just going to gain momentum and next year will be even bigger and better," Blewitt said. "But I think this has wonderful potential and is the start of a New London tradition."

Community, church and berries

For the **Bow Mills United Methodist Church**, its seventh annual **strawberry festival** will continue to fulfill the goal of highlighting the local community while supporting the work done through the congregation.

"I would say it has grown every year in the number of vendors as well as of the people who come, and it's a pretty good spread," Rev. Virginia Fryer said in a phone interview.

Included in the day's events are a blessing of the animals, dog agility course demonstration, live music from an area jazz band and a performance by the church's

Hollis Strawberry Festival

When: Sunday, June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m.
Where: Hollis Town Common, 7 Monument Square, Hollis
See: holliswomansclub.org/events/strawberry-festival
Admission is free. Other activities include kids' games and face painting and artisan booths.

New London Strawberry Festival

When: Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, June 28, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: New London Town Green (Saturday), New London Historical Society (Sunday) 179 Little Sunapee Road, New London
Visit: facebook.com/NewLondonRecreationDept
Admission is free.

junior choir.

"And there's always food. The church does a food booth with hamburgers, hot dogs, [Italian] sausage and then, of course, the hit of the day is the strawberry shortcake," Fryer said.

Church members pick and hull the berries before making biscuits for the "good-sized strawberry shortcake" from scratch, she said.

One hundred percent of the festival proceeds are given to area missions, split this year between the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness and a fund for three of the church's youth to participate in mission trips.

"It's really exciting that the proceeds are able to give life-transforming experiences to the kids from our church," she said.

BMUMC Strawberry Festival

When: Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 505 South St., Bow
See: bowmillsumc.com/strawberry.html
Admission is free.

A ticket to Coney Island

Nathan's hot dog eating contest qualifier comes to NH



Last year's Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island. Photo courtesy of International Federation of Competitive Eating.

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New Hampshire residents who have longed for the chance to see men and woman scarf down as many hot dogs as they can in a short period of time will have their wish granted at this year's Phantom Gourmet BBQ Beach Party in Rochester. History will be made in the Granite State during the first ever New Hampshire qualifier for the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest.

"We run events all around the world [and] we do events in all varieties of food [like] dumplings, lobster, ribs, wings, all variety of foods," Major League Eating President Richard Shea said in a phone interview. He'll be the emcee for the qualifier in Rochester.

Major League Eating, the governing body of "stomach centered sports," oversees the world of professional eating similarly to, say, the NFL or MLB.

"The bulk of our events are in the U.S. and the biggest of our year is the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest," he said.

What he described as the Super Bowl and World Cup blended into one, the annual event held at Coney Island draws around 40,000 guests and is broadcast live by ESPN. To get to the finals, contestants have to get through one of the 12 qualifying contests held around the country. Certain cities always have a qualifier (like one in Las Vegas and one in New York during a Mets game), but about eight are held in new places every year as a way to find new eating talent.

"We always want to have new faces in our events," Shea said. "Almost all of our events feature amateur or rookie eaters, not ranked competitors."

About 15 participants join in each qualifier, a mix of regional competitors as well as professional eaters who tour the country, with the top man and woman moving on to the finals.

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Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest Qualifier

When: Saturday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m.
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39 "Some of the top ranked eaters will fly and pick and choose," Shea said.

For example, for the Rochester qualifier, one competitor will fly in from Orange County, Calif.

The fascination with the Nathan's Famous contest has helped it become a staple event for many people to enjoy each July, a phenomenon which Shea attributes to curiosity.

"Everybody knows what it's like to eat a hot dog, but to see someone eat 69 [is] a display of man's might and athletic display," he said. "[There's] a certain grace to the competition so it's not something that everybody can do. … I think people can relate to the wow factor."

Eating for the win

Rochester resident Douglas Hickman takes on a Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest qualifier for the first time during the Phantom Gourmet BBQ Beach Party. Hickman spoke with the Hippo recently about his longtime interest in the annual event and his strategy for ingesting as many hot dogs as he can.

When did you start competitive eating?
I actually have never gotten involved with it before until now, but have spent a lot of time following it, specifically the Nathan's hot dog competition, ever since I was quite young. Since ESPN started putting it on air.

Why did you want to get involved?
Honestly as a little kid when I first found out I always wanted to [do it] myself. As a kid I can remember shoving as many hot dogs [down] as I could. The second I saw it was in Rochester I had to get involved.

How do you approach a hot dog eating contest? What's the preparation like?
Well I have watched a lot of the videos of [Takeru] Kobayashi and he spent a lot of time eating cabbage because it doesn't have a lot of calories so you can eat a lot of it and it helps expand your stomach. There is a lot of water weight in the cabbage as well so I think that's one of the reasons that's been used in the past for competitors. And leading up to it [the contest] I don't plan on eating up until the competition that day. Probably 12 hours, probably won't have dinner the night before.

Is it hard trying to expand your stomach? Painful at all?
Not really. Your body gets used to it after a while.

Would you be interested in trying other competitive eating contests?
If there's anything that comes around my region again it's definitely something I will look into.

What food would you most like to try?
Probably chicken wings. I can put down quite a few chicken wings.

Are you going to do a trial run before the qualifier?
You know I have not yet decided [if] I will do a practice run. It's something I've been spending a lot of time thinking about, whether that would be a good idea or not.

Is it nerve wracking, being in front of a large crowd?
No, not at all. I have no shame.

What are your thoughts on the competitors flying in from other states for this qualifier?
I am certainly excited. So I was looking at some of the other area qualifiers and I don't know where Joey Chestnut [reigning Nathan's Famous hot dog eating contest men's champion] plans on [participating], but as long as he is not one of the ones in Rochester, I'm hoping I will have a chance. However, it would be very cool to meet Joey Chestnut.

What is it about competitive eating that appeals to you?
When I first started watching it … Kobayashi was just destroying everyone. Seeing this little Asian man eating 40 [or] 50 hot dogs in 10 minutes was incredible. Hot dogs have been one of the go-to foods, just one of the things I can remember being iconic growing up for me and to see somebody eating that many is quite the feat.

An appetite for appliances

Cooking demos debut remodeled showroom

By Allie Ginwala
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Kurt von Kahle, executive chef and owner of Kurt's Kitchen, recently kicked off a series of Monday afternoon cooking demonstrations at Baron's Major Brand Appliances' Laconia/Belmont store. Guests can visit the newly remodeled Bosch/Thermador showroom as von Kahle, one of the area's leading kitchen consultants, guides them through the process of using Thermador appliances while making a healthy meal.

"He's going to be demonstrating some of the Thermador appliances to help guests learn to cook in a more healthy fashion, so part of what he focuses on is … convection cooking and induction cooking and he can prepare a variety of foods," store manager Heidi Laramie said in a phone interview.

For the open house-style demos, 44

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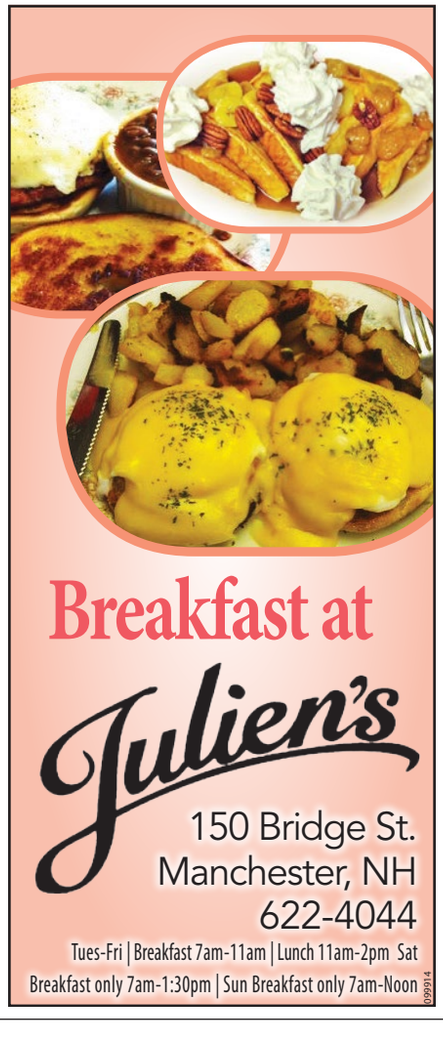
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IN THE KITCHEN WITH LESLIE JUDICE



According to chef and co-owner Leslie Judice, one of the best words to describe Tavern 27 (2075 Parade Road, Laconia, 528-3057, tavern27.com) is "eclectic." Housed in a 234-year-old building, the large menu focuses on tapas, Judice said, as a way to make sure all kinds of flavors — from New England to her native Louisiana — are available. She hopes that anybody who walks through the door at Tavern 27, whether they be gluten-free, vegan or vegetarian, is able to find something delicious to eat.

What is your must-have kitchen item?

I'm going to say besides the cliche great knife, you have to be surrounded by great people. I don't know what I would do in the kitchen without them.

What would you choose for your last meal?

I would choose my mom's shrimp and okra gumbo and potato salad.

Favorite restaurant besides your own?

That's a hard one. We don't have a go-to place … we have a local circuit of local restaurants that we'll revisit. … We have one day off a week so we try to hit our circle of places.

What celebrity would you like to see eating at your restaurant?

Well we like to laugh around here so I'm thinking if Adam Sandler or Will Ferrell came into my restaurant I don't know what I'd do. I'd be so happy to see them.

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?

I just read an article that said New England hosts the most farmers markets, so I think that local is always a trend here. Trying to inspire our farmers to grow stuff that people like to eat around here.

What is your favorite meal to cook at home?

That changes seasonally as well. I love to make soups, and as summer comes in probably a gazpacho with vegetables.

What is your favorite dish on your restaurant's menu?

Because our menu changes seasonally, I think right now the favorite on my menu is we do the spicy cucumber roll where we take a cucumber and shave it and do a quick pickle on it and stuff it with either chicken or lobster salad. It fits nicely into our tapas menu.

— Allie Ginwala

Gazpacho

From the kitchen of Leslie Judice

1 ½ lbs tomatoes, seeded and diced (reserve the seeds and juice)
½ lbs tomatoes (separate from the first 1 ½)
2 large cucumbers, peeled, seeded and diced
1 large red bell pepper, seeded and diced
1 small jalapeno (optional), seeded and diced
3 medium sized garlic cloves
1 small red onion diced
2 medium stalks of celery, diced
4 large basil leaves
Juice from 1 whole lemon and zest
Juice from 1 whole lime
2 teaspoons red wine vinegar (or vinegar of your choice)
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon sea salt (to taste)
½ teaspoon white pepper (to taste)

Placed the 1 ½ pounds of tomatoes as well as all of the diced vegetables into a large bowl. In a food processor, place the half pound of tomatoes (along with the seeds and juice from the 1 ½ pounds of diced tomatoes). While dicing the remainder of the vegetables, add all of the garlic and basil and about a quarter of each of the other vegetables to the food processor. This will make a flavorful "broth" for the gazpacho. Blend until just pureed into a hearty juice consistency. Add lemon, lime, vinegar, cumin and olive oil— pulse to blend. Add sea salt and white pepper to taste. Pour tomato broth into bowl with diced vegetables and gently fold together. Best served after chilled for a couple of hours or overnight. Garnish with cumin, crushed red pepper, sour cream or feta and fresh basil chiffonade.

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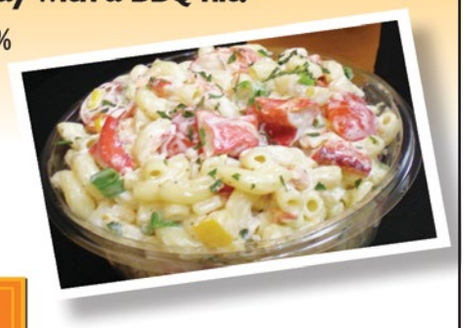
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The recently remodeled Bosch/Thermador showroom. Courtesy photo.

40 von Kahle will make different dishes for guests to sample, from appetizers to main courses to desserts.

"It's up to him, whatever he feels like that particular day," she said.

Each week's demonstration will feature different foods, perhaps with a focus on grilling or baking or meals to be made in the convection oven or steam oven. Regardless of the day's dishes, the goal is to help both seasoned and beginner cooks learn more about the options for cooking with Thermador appliances.

"[Guests] can interact with the chef and learn not only how to use [appliances] but how to create healthy meals," she said. "For people who may not know how an induction cooktop or steam oven works, he can help them and show them the benefit of those types of appliances."

The series, partly inspired to highlight the newly remodeled showroom, which was part of a large redesign completed in March, will continue through August.

"We thought it would be a nice 'something extra' when shopping [to] stop in and learn how to use some of the appliances," Laramie said.

Cooking demonstrations with Chef Kurt von Kahle

When: Mondays, June 29, July 13, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10, Aug. 17, from noon to 3 p.m.
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see if your chili holds up against the competition? Amateur and professional competitors are welcome to enter for a chance to win the best New Hampshire Chili title. See chilinewhampshire.org for registration details.

• **Flowers and wine:** Try your hand at floral arrangements while sipping a glass of wine during IncrediBREW's (112 Daniel Webster Hwy., Nashua, 891-2477) Petals and Pours event on Friday, June 26, at 6 p.m. Tiger Lilies Floral will teach the art of floral design for guests who will choose flowers to arrange and then take home. At the end of the event, take home your floral creation and a bottle of wine. Cost is $50 per person, which includes floral design class, wine tasting and take-home bottle. See incredibrew.com to register.

• **Welcome to market:** The season is in full swing as a number of local farmers markets recently held their opening day festivities. The **Laconia Farmers Market**, the longest-running market in the state, kicked off its 42nd year on Saturday, June 20, at the Laconia City Hall parking lot on Beacon Street East, according to a press release. Visit Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon for a rotating line of 12 to 15 vendors featuring local produce, artisan crafts, dairy products, jams, jellies, coffee and more. Visit laconiafarmersmarket.com or facebook.com/Laconiafarmersmarket for more details. The **Manchester Farmers Market** celebrated its opening day on Thursday, June 18, on Concord Street (next to Victory Park) with a cake and ribbon-cutting ceremony. "It's exciting to finally re-open our market, especially after this past winter," Eric Helgemoe of Eric's Farm Stand said in a press release. "The farmers are eager to offer their fresh produce to the greater Manchester area again this summer." Visit Thursdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m. for a selection of produce, meats, skin care products, kettle corn and more. Visit manchesternhfarmersmarket.com or find them on Facebook. The **Nashua Farmers Market** started its season on Sunday, June 21, on the Main Street Bridge. Enjoy honey, produce, prepared meals, gluten-free baked goods, soaps, lotions and local art each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit downtownnashua.org.

FOOD

FROM THE PANTRY

Ideas from off the shelf

Honey garlic sauce



Over the weekend, I went to the local farmers market for the first time this season. I'm typically not a very farmers-market-friendly cook, but I figured I could pick up some produce for the week — or at least some apple cider donuts.

I build most of my meals around pantry staples I always have on hand, so it's nice to use fresh, local ingredients when possible. The first things I found were cilantro plants, which are now growing in pots on my kitchen windowsill. Cilantro is one of my husband's favorite herbs, so he was surprised, and grateful, when I brought it home.

While the cilantro was a good purchase, I made the mistake of going to the market without a list or a plan. I wanted to see what options were available but as a result was completely overwhelmed by the choices and left with little to show for my trip. Ironically, I did find a pantry-friendly ingredient: local honey.

With a piece of the honeycomb tucked inside the jar, the honey was as beautiful as it was delicious. Its rich, golden hue was stunning drizzled over whole grain waffles, and it tasted even better as a sweetener for my morning tea. But the real recipe that enabled the honey to shine was one I found on Damn Delicious for honey garlic sauce.

I'm always trying to find new sauces for starches and for stir-fries, and as it turns out, this recipe is divine with rice alone or paired with chicken.

The sweetness of the honey is complemented by the saltiness of soy sauce and the distinct flavor of garlic. Thickened with cornstarch, this sauce comes together in only a few minutes and is brilliant on just about anything. Plus, it's simple to alter the measurements depending on how many people you're feeding or if you want to save some sauce for a second meal later in the week.

I've now used this sauce on a chicken stir-fry as well as chicken on the grill, and both were delicious. If you're a sucker for sweet, try adding some pineapple. Or add some heat with red peppers or jalapenos if you like the flavor profile of the sauce but don't want anything that will overwhelm your sweet tooth.

The honey garlic sauce proved a hit in my house, and I've found myself starting to plan next week's dinner menu with this sauce in mind. Maybe I'll throw in a bit of cilantro next time, to round out my use of farmers-market finds. — *Lauren Mifsud*

Honey garlic sauce

Recipe courtesy Damn Delicious

½ cup honey, or more to taste
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon cornstarch

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine honey, garlic and soy sauce. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch and ¼ cup of water. Stir the cornstarch mixture into the saucepan until thickened, about 1 to 2 minutes.

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• **THE FARMERS DINNER** At Stages at One Washington. Event features a four course meal sourced from local ingredients. Local farmers will share their stories between courses. Sun., June 28, with seatings at 4 and 7:30 p.m. Stages at One Washington, 1 Washington St., Suite 325, Dover. Cost is $99. Reservations required. Visit thefarmersdinner.com.

Classes/workshops

• **PUFF PASTRY** Learn to make a "quick" puff pastry. Make turnovers, palmiers and other pastries made with flaky dough. Fri., June 26, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester. Cost is $75. Call to reserve a space. Email classes@finessepatries.com or visit finessepastries.com.

• **FISH TO PERFECTION** Executive chef Rob Cone will show you how to shop for and prepare fast, healthy fish dishes. Watch and taste salmon prepared in different ways with sauce and accompaniments. Wed., July 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury. Cost is $15, $10 for Concord Co-op and Canterbury Shaker Village members. Visit concordfoodcoop.coop or call 225-6840.















DRINKS

Wine pops

How to make a refreshing, adult frozen treat

By Stefanie Phillips
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Last summer, I discovered something new and exciting, yet also obvious: wine popsicles. Is there a better treat on a warm summer day? No, not really. This combines a nice glass of wine (or other beverage) with the refreshment of a frozen treat. And since summer is upon us, you'll want to break out the popsicle trays and enjoy these.

Here are a few adult popsicle recipe ideas as the hot summer days arrive. They are a great idea if you are heading to a barbecue, hosting a summer event on the Fourth of July or just looking for a way to use up some leftover wine or liquor. And they are quick and easy. All you need is a few ingredients and a popsicle tray. They are pretty easy to find at local stores (even the dollar store typically carries them) and come in a variety of shapes and sizes.

Strawberry Champagne Popsicles

Courtesy of Brown Sugar

Strawberry season is beginning in New Hampshire, so here's a delicious and refreshing way to use those berries in something other than the standard shortcake or in fruit salad.

¼ cup water
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 pound fresh strawberries
1 cup Champagne or sparkling wine

In a small sauce pan, add the water, sugar and lemon juice. Bring to a slight boil. Boil for five minutes or until the sugar is dissolved. Set aside and let cool.

Cut the tops off of the berries and slice in half. Puree or blend slightly in a food processor or blender (the smoothness can be to your own liking). Put the strawberry puree into a bowl and add the liquid mixture and Champagne. Stir until well mixed.

Pour the mixture into a popsicle mold and freeze for at least six hours, or overnight. Makes about six popsicles.

White Sangria Popsicles

Courtesy Confections of a Foodie Bride

This is a great summer party recipe and it is super easy to make. Enjoy your sangria on a stick instead of in a glass.

1 bottle dry white wine
½ cup simple syrup (sugar and water mixture)
½ cup orange liqueur (Triple Sec or Grand Marnier)
2 lemons
2 cups chopped fruit (strawberries, apples, peaches, blackberries, etc.)

Combine the wine, simple syrup and orange liqueur in a large pitcher. Juice one lemon into the pitcher. Slice the other lemon thinly and then halve those slices. Add to the pitcher with the remaining fruit. Pour into three ounce paper cups and freeze for about two hours or until they start to ice over. Insert popsicle sticks and freeze for another two to three hours or until solid. Makes about 24 popsicles. (You can use a popsicle mold but the yield will be different depending upon the mold size). This recipe can also be used to make regular sangria — just add some sparkling water (she recommends 2 cups) before serving.

Black & White Russian Popsicles

Recipe courtesy Endless Simmer

These are the adult versions of a fudgsicle. Makes about eight to 10 pops.

White Russian:

For this recipe, start with 1 vanilla pudding batch. Recipe: 1/3 cup cornstarch, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, pinch of salt, 3 cups whole milk, 1 tablespoon plus 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract. Combine cornstarch, sugar, salt and whole milk in a blender or food processor and pulse until well blended. Alternatively, combine all ingredients in a bowl and whisk vigorously. Transfer mixture to a heat proof bowl and place over (not on) simmering water for approximately 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pudding is ready when mixture coats the back of the spoon. Add vanilla and stir to combine.

Add:
5 ounces vodka
2 ounces Kahlua

2 ounces Bailey's Irish Cream

Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor and process until smooth, about one to two minutes. Freeze for about one hour or until mixture starts to solidify enough to hold a popsicle stick upright (or put into popsicle trays).

Black Russian:

Use the vanilla pudding recipe from above, switching out the vanilla for one teaspoon and adding 3/4 cups chopped dark chocolate.

Add:
5 ounces vodka
3 ounces Kahlua

Place all ingredients in a blender or food processor and process until smooth, about one to two minutes. Freeze for about one hour or until mixture starts to solidify enough to hold a popsicle stick upright (or put into popsicle trays).







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Sun Kil Moon, *Universal Themes* (Caldo Verde Records)



The Woodstock generation had Country Joe McDonald, whereas the Bonnaroo generation has Mark Kozelek, a.k.a. Sun Kil Moon, whose previous band, Red House Painters, reached its nonsense-zenith with an EP featuring *two* different cover versions of Ace Frehley's "Shock Me." At 48, he's on his way to becoming the George Plimpton of sadcore, having been thrown a couple of movie roles by Cameron Crowe in addition to his myriad producing credits and fetish for covering a full spectrum of bands, from John Denver to Low. *Universal Themes* carries on Kozalek's wingnut tradition: Accompanied only by Sonic Youth's Steve Shelley on drums, Kozalek strums and tinkles his acoustic guitar, accompanying himself in an ever increasing filibuster of irrelevance, singing/chatting about his kooky groupies, watching TV, eating things, all the stuff that inspires neo-hippies to put on enraptured faces at festivals, whether or not they understand the context (they don't). Pardon the sacrilege, but he could have just Kindled a book and saved some mixing-board electricity, if you really want to be green about it. **C** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Little Children, *Traveling Through Darkness* (Cosmos Records)



You know something, this generation of AOR-tinted chill-indie hawkers owes a huge debt to Luke Temple, whose Here We Go Magic band wasn't afraid to add a liberal scoop of pop into the Dandy Warhol posturing of the early Aughts. No, if it wasn't for that stuff, you wouldn't find this Swede, Linus Lutti, with such an easy row to hoe by simply decorating muffled 1980s dance rock with the oh-so-familiar falsetto vocals that come to you from the Beach Boys by way of Grizzly Bear. I'm sure only 98 percent of you could (or would even want to) parse that sentence, so to put it simply, Lutti's Little Children project is easy listening for Generation iPod, and it's not terribly original, if you'll allow a little tough love. In the 1970s, they would have forced some slide guitar into this kind of thing; in the 1980s it would have been goopy keyboards; and in the 1990s it would have been strummy acoustic guitar and an 80-piece orchestra. But the effect remains the same, a new form of no-brainer chill with plenty of gentle radio hooks. This, and the fact that it's completely interchangeable with the work of so many other bands, makes it a bit redundant, but worthwhile nonetheless. Sorry, but I can't pile the hate on something that's this… you know, nice. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

New York indie-neo-soul guy **Bilal** can show up on your iPod with *In Another Life*, the follow-up to his acoustically minded 2013 album *A Love Surreal*. The single is "Satellites," in which he uses a lot of Smokey Robinson falsetto over a weary asphalt beat. But the actually interesting scuttlebutt has nothing to do with this record; it revolves around his recent album-wide vocal contribution to underground hip-hop hero Kendrick Lamar's *To Pimp a Butterfly*: Bilal, you see, is insisting that *Pimp*'s material is jazz. Now, it's true that Lamar was eagerly helped by tons of jazz musicians and soul legends — no, I don't mean Pharrell — and yes, it's a masterpiece, but its soul and toasting emanates from tribulations experienced in Compton, so can we call it crossover jazz-hop and be done with it? Probably not, but hope springs, right?

No, perhaps if Bilal were more like Canadian one-man band **Mocky**, critics would be happy to call his stuff "jazz," because Mocky is pretty mellow on his new chill-soul single "Whistlin'," from his new album *Key Change*. But no, actually I'd be more prone to label this crossover also, because it makes me think of Beck, but it also makes me think of having a breakfast buffet at the Hyatt at the same time. I'm not annoyed by it, but neither do I want to write him Stan letters and try to fix him.

The Velvet Teen is a pretty neat-o indie rock band that has been slugging it out with nowhere near the proper amount of respect for 15 years now. Since the death of their drummer Logan Whitehurst in 2006 after a long illness, they've been an on-again off-again concern, but their fourth LP, *All Is Illusory*, is coming out, featuring the single "The Giving In," a nice introduction to their style, which is like noise-prog's answer to Coldplay — Bono-ish vocals, a little shoegaze flavor, similar to Minus the Bear, whom they've toured with in the past. It's a bit bummer-ish, but definitely sticks in your head without making you feel like hurling. Welcome back, band that doesn't suck!

Musician/inventor/scientific researcher dude Sam Dust, a.k.a. **LA Priest**, was in the dance-punk band Late of the Pier, which shouldn't have broken up, dang it all, but they did, several years ago. Since then he's been working on this new solo project and its first album, *Inji*. Yup, he's had all sorts of time to think of cool and weird tuneage, like the single "Party Zute/Learning to Love," which has some of the most whacked-out sampling you'd ever want to hear, this within the confines of Hot Chip-like tech-funk and neo-soul — I would have expected something as next-gen as this from Warp Records, but Domino is the label releasing it, proving once again that I just don't know everything. Please stop expecting me to know everything, because I simply refuse.

— *Eric W. Saeger*

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Writing *Destiny*

Sandwich author achieves life-long dream

By Kelly Sennott
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Carl Howe Hansen went through at least three different manuscripts over 40 years before he was able to finally complete and publish his first novel, *Destiny*.

The time it took wasn't totally his fault; his first draft, written between gigs as a traveling musician, was stolen at knife-point while he was traveling in Morocco in the '70s. He'd been exploring a bazaar and happened to be clutching the 200-page manuscript when it was ripped from him, along with all his other possessions on hand. The second disappeared, along with his home, in a house fire years later.

There were a few other setbacks — namely the other things he wanted to do, like raise a family, play in a band, ski professionally and make furniture and educational toys. Hansen, who lives in Sandwich, was distracted by "temptation of experience." Then there's the stigma of being a writer.

"You say, 'Oh, I'm a writer,' and people say, 'Yeah, big deal. Everybody wants to be a writer! What have you done? What have you written?'" Hansen said. "Also, not all of us have the ability to say, 'I want to write today' and ignore all other responsibilities. … I've yearned to be a writer pretty much all my life, but I decided early on I didn't want to do just one thing. I wanted to write, but in order to write, I had to also be able to make a living."

He wrote *Destiny* between work and home responsibilities. Many characters are the same as in the draft stolen years ago, but the plot's changed.

This version, which he'll talk about during various speaking engagements in the coming month, is about a biologist who's created a bacterium that can neutralize oil spills. When a military contractor uses his own version of his discovery for the first time, however, something goes horribly wrong.

"The story didn't really develop to the way it is now until about eight years ago," he said. "I read a story about oil-eating bacteria in the news and got this idea."

Hansen said he's very interested in sustainability, and much of the book discusses the environmental consequences of current human activity.

"We're scheduled to be running out of oil soon. It's coming. When it does, what are we going to do to replace oil? What happens when oil is taken away from us suddenly, and if we as a planet are forced to block the engines of progress? A good portion of the world's population would starve to death because mechanized farming would end."



Carl Howe Hansen. Courtesy photo.

But more so, Hansen said *Destiny* is meant to entertain. He's working on writing a sequel between sailing, cabinet-making (his full-time job) and promoting the book. It's nice to finally be doing what he's always wanted to.

"I've been lying to myself. I've always been telling people, 'I don't know what I want to be when I grow up.' … But I've always wanted to be a writer," Hansen said. "When I was a kid, I wanted to be the great American novelist."

He's still not able to make writing a full-time gig, but his other activities, for the most part, allow him to think about the stories as he works.

"When I sit down, I already know what I'm going to write because I've visualized what I'm working on. If I'm driving the car, working with wood, sailing or skiing, one part of my mind is thinking about the story. When I go to bed at night, I'm thinking of a story. I'm thinking about conversations my characters are having, and I go to sleep with that in mind too," he said. "When I wake up in the morning, I flesh out that scene on paper."

Meet Carl Howe Hansen

Bayswater Books: 12 Main St., Center Harbor, bayswaterbooks.com, Friday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m.
Gibson's Bookstore: 45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com, Thursday, July 2, at 7 p.m.
Moultonborough Library: 4 Holland St., Moultonborough, moultonboroughlibrary.org, Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m.
More information: carlhowehansen.com; a portion of the book sale's proceeds will benefit the Island Institute, a nonprofit organization that promotes community sustainability on Maine's islands





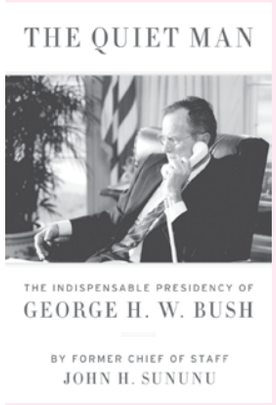


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Book Report



• **Former governor's take on George H.W. Bush:** John H. Sununu visits Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter, on Friday, June 26, at 7 p.m. Sununu, who was New Hampshire's governor from 1983 to 1989 and worked as the White House Chief of Staff under George H. W. Bush, has written his account of the 41st president in a book, *The Indispensable Presidency of George H.W. Bush*, which highlights accomplishments Sununu thinks have been overlooked: his calm leadership during the collapse of the Soviet Union and the fall of the Berlin Wall, his achievements in foreign policy and his military campaigns during the first Gulf War. Call 778-9731 or visit waterstreetbooks.com.

• **Rita Mae Brown visits Portsmouth:** Acclaimed author, activist and screenwriter Rita Mae Brown visits the Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., Portsmouth, on Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m., to share the latest of her Mrs. Murphy mystery series, *Tail Gait*. Brown is well-known for her 1973 novel *Rubyfruit Jungle*, which launched her role as a key influencer during the civil rights movement. Seacoast Media Group editor and reporter Deborah McDermott will work as the evening's moderator. Tickets are $40 and include a copy of the book, bar beverage and book signing meet-and-greet. Call 436-2400 or visit themusichall.org.

• **Poetry for kids:** The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002, childrens-museum.org, offers a three-hour poetry workshop for children Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. Leading the event is museum educator Sarah Terry, who will teach attendees about the various forms of poetry and lead them to write their own poems, both rhyming and not. Cost to attend the workshop is $8. Call to register.

—Kelly Sennott

Books

Author Events

• **RITA MAE BROWN** Writers' in the Loft author visits with latest in Mrs. Murphy mystery series. Thurs., June 25, at 7 p.m. The Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., Portsmouth. $40, includes seat, book, bar beverage, author presentation, book signing/meet-and-greet. Visit themusichall.org.

• **BRENDAN DUBOIS** Author talks about *Blood Foam*. Thurs., June 25, at 7 p.m. Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter. Visit waterstreetbooks.com.

• **SUSAN KIETZMAN** Author talks about new novel, *The Summer Cottage*. Thurs., June 25, 6:30 p.m. RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth. Visit riverrunbookstore.com, call 431-2100.

• **JOHN SUNUNU** Former NH governor talks about new book, *The Quiet Man: The Indespensable Presidency of George H. W. Bush*. Fri., June 26, at 7 p.m. Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter. Visit waterstreetbooks.com.

• **TONI BUZZEO** Author talks about new book, *Whose Tools?* Includes tactile activities, craft and snack. Sat., June 27, 11 a.m. Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter. Visit waterstreetbooks.com.

• **BRIAN & DERRICK BELANGER** Illustrator and author talk about their collaborative illustrated book, *The MacDougall Twins Mysteries with Sherlock Holmes: Attack of the Violet Vampire!* Sat., June 27, noon-2 p.m. Double Midnight Comics, 245 Maple St., Manchester. Call 669-9636, visit dmcomics.com.

• **JANET POLASKY** Author talks about *Revolutions Without Borders*. Tues., June 30, at 7 p.m. RiverRun Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth. Visit riverrunbookstore.com, call 431-2100.

• **JIM SHANLEY** Author, retired realtor, tells stories from his memoir *A Plum Life*, and sign copies of his book. Tues., June 30, at 5:30 p.m. Portsmouth Public Library, 175 Parrott Ave. Call 766-1711.

• **CARL HOWE HANSEN** Presentation about debut novel *Destiny*. Thurs., July 2, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com, call 224-0562.

• **SY MONTGOMERY** Author talks about new book, *The Soul of an Octopus*. Tues., July 7, at 7 p.m. Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library, 7 Forest Road, Wilton.

• **E.C. AMBROSE** Book launch for Ambrose's (a.k.a. Elaine Isaak's) latest novel *Elisha Rex*, third in a dark historical fantasy series about medieval surgery. Thurs., July 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 614 Nashua St., Milford. ecambrose.wordpress.com.

• **CAROL ADAMS** Author event/book signing promoting *Deaf Daughter: From Deafness and Despair to Hearing and Hope*. Thurs., July 9, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

Book sales

• **MARKET DAYS BOOK SALE** Three bucks a bag during Market Days; proceeds benefit the library. Thurs., June 25, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri., June 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., June 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Visit onconcord.com.

Lectures & discussions

• **VANISHED VETERANS: NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS** Presentation by historian George Morrison. Presented by NH Humanities Council. Thurs., June 25, at 6:45 p.m. Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount St. Mary's Way, Hooksett. Free. Visit hooksettlibrary.org, call 485-6092.

• **KEEP ON WALKIN'** Daniel Weeks, executive director of Open Democracy, gives presentation, "Keep on Walkin: Granny D, American Hero," about activists who fight the influence of special interest money on election campaigns. Tues., June 30, at 7 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Visit nashualibrary.org/directions/htm, call 589-4610.

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MOVIES OUTSIDE THE CINEPLEX

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RED RIVER THEATRES

• ***Love and Mercy*** (PG-13, 2014) Thurs., June 25, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.
• ***I'll See You in My Dreams*** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., June 25, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Fri., June 26, at 1, 3:10, 5:40 & 8 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 1, 3:10, 5:40 & 8 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 1, 3:10 & 5:40 p.m.; Mon., June 29, at 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; Tues., June 30, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m.; & Wed., July 1, at 5:30 p.m.
• ***Love and Mercy*** (PG-13, 2015) Fri., June 26, at 12:40, 3:20, 6 & 8:40 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 12:40, 3:20, 6 & 8:40 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 12:40, 3:20 & 6 p.m.; Mon., June 29, at 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Tues., June 30, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Wed., July 1, at 7:45 p.m.; & Thurs., July 2, at 2 p.m.
• ***The Adventures of Robin Hood*** (PG, 1938) (outdoors) Fri., June 26, at dusk
• ***The Wrecking Crew*** (PG, 2015) Sat., June 27, at 11 a.m.; Sun., June 28, at 2, 4 & 6:15 p.m.; Mon., June 29, at 5:40 & 7:30 p.m.; Tues., June 30, at 2:10, 5:40 & 7:30 p.m.; Wed., July 1, at 5:40 & 7:30 p.m.; Thurs., July 2, at 2:10, 5:40 & 7:30 p.m.
• ***Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*** (PG-13, 2015) Wed., July 1, at 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Thurs., July 2, at 2, 5:30 & 8 p.m.
• ***The Princess Bride*** (PG, 1987) Thurs., July 2, at 6:30 p.m.

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40 Main St., Wilton, NH 03086, 654-3456, wiltontownhalltheatre.com
• ***Love & Mercy*** (PG-13, 2014) Thurs., June 25, at 7:30 p.m., through Thurs., July 2, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screenings Sun., June 28, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.
• ***Far From the Madding Crowd*** (PG-13, 2015) Fri., June 26, through Thurs., July 2, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screening Sun., June 28, at 2 p.m.
• ***Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*** (PG-13, 1997) Sat., June 27, at 4:30 p.m.
• ***The Arizona Express*** (1924) Sun., June 28, at 4:30 p.m. Silent film with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis

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• ***The Boxtrolls*** (PG, 2014) Fri., June 26, at 8 p.m.

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• **Movie in the Afternoon** Fri., June 26, 1-3 p.m.

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6 School St., Peterborough
• **New Hampshire High School Short Film Festival** screening Tues., June 30, at 5:30 p.m., $5

THE MUSIC HALL

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, NH 03801, 436-2400, themusichall.org, Some films are screened at Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., Portsmouth
• ***Merchants of Doubt*** (PG-13, 2014) Thurs., June 25, at 7 p.m.
• ***Lambert & Stamp*** (R, 2014) Fri., June 26, at 7 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 7 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 3 p.m.; Tues., June 30, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., July 2, at 7 p.m.
• ***Iris*** (PG-13, 2014) Fri., June 26, at 7 p.m.; Tues., June 30, at 7 p.m.; Wed., July 1, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., July 2, at 7 p.m.; on June 26 screening, there will be a panel of special guests who will tell stories about Maysles
• ***Up*** (PG, 2009) Sat., June 27, at 3 p.m.
• ***Ex Machina*** (R, 2015) Fri., July 3, at 7 p.m.; Sun., July 5, at 3 p.m.; Tues., July 7, at 7 p.m.; Wed., July 8, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., July 9, at 7 p.m.

PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 431-8748, prescottpark.org; park opens at 7 p.m., movies start at dusk (8:30 p.m. in July, 7:45 p.m. in August)
• ***Jurassic Park*** (PG-13, 1993) Mon., June 29

3S ARTSPACE

319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth
• **Portsmouth Short Film Night** Sun., June 28, at 7:30 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

175 Parrott Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801, 427-1540, cityofportsmouth.com/library
• ***Nancy Drew*** (PG, 2007) Thurs., June 25, at 6 p.m.

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Street party:** With two stages over three days, there's plenty of live music at this year's **Market Days Festival** in Concord. Thursday includes sets from songwriters Mike Morris and Tristan Omand in Bicentennial Square. Eagle Square Stage kicks off with young guitar slinger Delanie Pickering and concludes with popular rockers Day Janeiro bookending a *Voice*-like competition. Market Days are Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27, in downtown Concord. Full music schedule at bit.ly/1db6VAB.

• **Funny friends:** Comedy Central veteran and Last Comic Standing finalist **Louis Ramey** headlines a fundraiser for the music-centric Jack Fallon Memorial Scholarship Fund. The night of standup includes sets from Ben Kronberg (*Late Night with Seth Meyers*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*), Boston's Mike Mulloy and local favorite Nick Lavallee; Dave Carter hosts. Comedy Night is Friday, June 28, at 8 p.m. at Shaskeen Pub, 909 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets are $25 at jpf2015.brownpapertickets.com.

• **Free rock:** Quick bursts of local music happen from late afternoon till past midnight at the **Kick Start Music Festival**. Among the bands performing half-hour sets are Hunter, Box of Nails, 4x4 Barracuda, Yelloyuth, Potsy, When Faith Dies, Lobotomobile, Sunshine Riot and Sepsiss, with Levity ending the night. It's a free show, Saturday, June 27, at 4 p.m. at Sayde's Bar & Grill, 136 Cluff Crossing Road, Salem. See on.fb.me/1Fwgjpo.

• **Boom boom:** In 1979, Canadian rockers the **Pat Travers Band** rose to prominence in an unlikely way, via a cover song on a live album, Little Walter's "Boom Boom (Out Go The Lights)" from *Live! Go For What You Know*. 1980's *Crash and Burn*, with the original "Snortin' Whiskey," made the Billboard Top 20. See them Sunday, June 28, at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry. Tickets $40-$50 at tupelohall.com.

• **Outdoors fun:** Singer and guitarist **Chad LaMarsh** is a ubiquitous presence on the area club scene, and his summer boat parties are the stuff of legend. Join the amiable rocker fronting a five-piece band for an outdoor evening show, part of a weekly summer series running through Aug. 18. LaMarsh's music ranges from pop to alternative, with a dose of country, and it's all fun. See Chad LaMarsh Band on Tuesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. at MacGregor Park, East Broadway, Derry (behind the public library). Call 432-6136.

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Taking the lead

Women rock at Jewel showcase



The "Leading Ladies of New England." Courtesy photo.

By Michael Witthaus
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With so many excellent female-fronted bands in the area, devoting an evening to them is both brilliant and obvious — and it's exactly what Manchester's Jewel Nightclub will do at its June 26 Leading Ladies of New England rock 'n' roll showcase.

Six acts are booked, and availability is the only reason it's not a longer list, according to the show's organizer.

"There were actually more bands I wanted to bring on, like Taken, Leaving Eden and such," said Dan Spinney, who plays guitar in Anaria, one of the bands performing. "We still got a good group. ... It's going to be a fun show."

The impetus for the event came from an emerging sense of solidarity among the acts, Spinney explained.

"Over the past few years we have made a lot of relationships with other bands with female lead singers and we noticed a growing community; this follows that," he said. "Some of the hardest-working bands just happen to be female-fronted. … We've played with all them before and we're really excited about it."

Most impressive is the range of styles represented. Anaria is "American metal," said Spinney, a twin guitar quintet with orchestral flourishes mixing with a harder edge, led by singer/lyricist Jessica Mercy. Carissa Johnson takes more cues from Sleater-Kenney than Evanescence, and her latest CD, *For Now*, is a straight-up rocker that recalls early aughts Boston bands Aloud and Damone.

A little over a year ago, 95 Hyde was known as the Jessica Prouty Band and played pop-tinged rock. But after a Nashville industry panel pegged them as a folk act before even hearing a note, the group changed its name.

"We didn't want any genre confusion," Prouty said recently.

They also moved to an old-school sound brimming with power chords, featuring Prouty singing like Pat Benatar in her prime.

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Seven Spires has a European metal style, with operatic singing and hardcore screaming front woman Adrienne Cowan. Spinney is a big fan of the band, which met at Berklee College of Music.

"Their lead guitarist just graduated at 18; their vocalist [Cowan] is a year older, and she has the showmanship, the personality, the voice and rock star attitude," he said.

Lawrence, Mass. based Blindspot consists of two instrumentalists and one singer but brings an engaging and accessible sound; a new single called "I Won't Let Your Heart Break" is getting airplay on Frank-FM and other outlets. With lead vocalist Alexa Economou exuding nerdy charm, the trio has shared stages with Scott Weiland and Gin Blossoms and won a Jewel battle of the bands last December to open for Puddle of Mudd.

Finally, an all-female fronted show is a bit bittersweet for A Simple Complex; lead singer Jess Vaughn will leave the band next month. Ironically, it's been ASC's most successful year yet; last April they were named Best Metal Act of 2015 at the New England Music Awards. Their work in progress, *Left Behind*, is now complete and will be released on July 10. It includes eight previously released songs, three new tracks and one revamped number.

Founder Mark Ingoldsby plans to part on a high note.

"The band is quickly approaching our final days with our front woman of five years … but before she moves on to other musical endeavors, we look forward to releasing our long-anticipated album," he said in an email.

"Over the past four years, we've been cryptically unveiling pieces of this concept album three songs at a time," he wrote. "Now, the full album and its long-awaited, dark tale are ready to be revealed. Although Jess will be greatly missed, ASC hopes to find a new vocalist to take her place and continue to evolve the band's legacy."

"Yeah, we love those guys. Jess has such a dynamic voice," Spinney said. "She could be doing Iron Maiden stuff when she really belts it out — like, holy hell, where did that voice come from? It's unfortunate, but things change and people move on. At least it's on good terms; something will work out for both parties."

Leading Ladies of New England

When: Friday, June 27
Where: Jewel Nightclub, Canal St., Manchester
Tickets: $10 – 21 and up
Lineup: Anaria, Blindspot, 95 Hyde, Carissa Johnson, Seven Spires, A Simple Complex



SINGING OUT

Five-time Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and 2012 Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee **Mary Chapin Carpenter** returns to Portsmouth for a concert at The Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400) on Wednesday, July 1, 7 p.m. The show is a Voices United Concert to benefit the national non-profit, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and will feature special guest Rose Cousins. Tickets to the all ages concert are $45, $75 and $100 at themusichall.org and the box office.

Night Life

Music, Comedy & Parties

• **WAYWARD SOUNDS: COLLEEN W/ NAT BALDWIN** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 766-3330) on Thursday, June 25, 9 p.m. $16 - Colleen is the alias of French musician Cécile Schott.

• **PLENA LIBRE** at Dartmouth Green (Main Street, Hanover 646-3991) on Thursday, June 25, 5:30 p.m. Free For All summer series begins with a band that combines world-renowned musicianship with the fun of a Caribbean street party.

• **RED MOLLY** at Anderson Hall (205 S. Main St., Wolfeboro 569-2151) on Friday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. Trio known for gorgeous harmonies, crisp musicianship, infectious songwriting, and warm, engaging stage presence.

• **NEAR/FAR W/ RACHEL VOGELZANG** at New England College (62 N. Main St., Concord 715-2306) on Friday, June 26, 7 p.m. Monthly singer/songwriter series with a local Concord-area musician and someone from further away.

• **THE TENDERBELLIES** at Main Street BookEnds (16 E. Main St., Warner 456-2700) on Friday, June 26, 6 p.m. Burlington–based string band that seamlessly blends Americana, bluegrass, new grass, jazz and rock.

• **FUNDRAISER** at Rockingham Ballroom (22 Ash Swamp Road, Newmarket 659-4410) on Friday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. Fundraiser for Community Tool Box - more at 659-4410.

• **TRACY GRAMMER** at Federated Church (16 Pleasant St., Marlborough 876-3863) on Friday, June 26, 7 p.m. $15/advance $20/door - Sensitive, creative song interpreter, with warm vocals, a girl-next-door stage presence, pristine fingerstyle guitar, and an unshakeable dedication to celebrating the legacy of her late partner, songwriter Dave Carter.

• **OPEN MIC NIGHT** at Apotheca Flower Shoppe (24c Main St., Goffstown 497-2102) on Friday, June 26, 7 p.m. All forms of creative expression are welcomed. Relax, and enjoy an unpredictable evening of local talent.

• **BALLROOM DANCE NIGHT** at Rockingham Ballroom (22 Ash Swamp Road, Newmarket 659-4410) on Saturday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. Live music with the Visitors, doors open at 7:00pm, music and dancing - $14/per person, full cash bar available, reservations suggested.

• **MIKE MORRIS** at Farmer's Market (896 Main St., Contoocook 748-3018) on Saturday, June 27, 12 p.m. Live music accompanies local farmers, bakers and brewers selling their wares - sponsored by Warner River Organics.

• **SKY BLUE BOYS** at Old Meeting House (One New Boston Rd., Francestown 547-2208) on Saturday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. $15 - Vermont's current take on the brothers duet phenomenon, Dan and Willy Linder.

• **SOULMATE BAND** at Seashell Stage (Ocean Boulevard, Hampton Beach 207-752-1982) on Saturday, June 27, 6 p.m. 6 piece Motown Funk Disco Dance Party Show Band garnered local fame opening for The Drifters and Gary U.S. Bonds.

• **ROCKIN' DADDIOS** at Taylor Community (435 Union Ave., Laconia 524-5600) on Monday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. Smile, tap your feet and sing along with the true American sound of Doo-Wop. Open to public, RSVP 8-4 M-F.

• **39TH ARMY BAND** at Angela Robinson Bandstand (Main Street, Henniker 428-7232) on Tuesday, June 30, 7 p.m. The 39th Army Band can trace its lineage back 130 years to its inception in Manchester in 1879.

• **CHAD LAMARSH BAND** at MacGregor Park (East Broadway, Derry 432-6136) on Tuesday, June 30, 7 p.m. High energy 5 piece dance band comprised of seasoned musicians whose goal is to keep the crowd rocking.

• **NOVALIMA** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 766-3330) on Thursday, July 2, 9 p.m. $24 - a live musical force revered worldwide for breaking boundaries and uniting seemingly irreconcilable genres.

• **JOHN GORKA** at Anderson Hall (205 S. Main St., Wolfeboro 569-2151) on Friday, July 3, 7:30 p.m. His songs have a way of working on you long after you thought you had it all figured out. /Great Waters Music Festival.

• **RICO BARR BAND** at Sweeney Post (251 Maple St., Manchester 623-9145) on Saturday, July 4, 7:30 p.m. Celebrate Independence Day with American rock and roll music.

• **HELADO NEGRO W/ CIRCUIT DES YEUX** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 766-3330) on Sunday, July 5, 9 p.m. $12 - Among the musicians currently redefining Latino culture worldwide, Negro creates a sonic landscape that reflects 21st-century Latin America.

• **TAMMY JACKSON BAND** at Elkins Bandstand (Pleasant Lake, New London 526-539) on Sunday, July 5, 6:30 p.m. Celebrate New London's sesquicentennial with country music with a rock feel.

• **ROSEMARY'S BABY BLUES** at Angela Robinson Bandstand (Main Street, Henniker 428-7232) on Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m. A New England based band that brings high energy with a movin' and groovin' feel to every performance. Special guest Jeff Dearborn on blues harp.

• **ETNA OLD TIME ASSOCIATION** at Main Street BookEnds (16 E. Main St., Warner 456-2700) on Tuesday, July 7, 6 p.m. Forages from a collection of traditional tunes and newer tunes and stews them in a broth of bluegrass and folk.

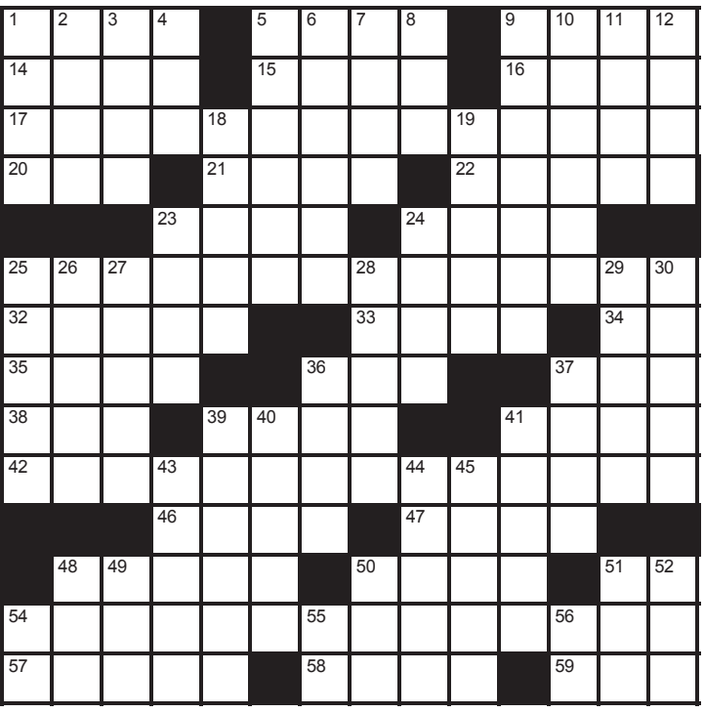
• **CRUNCHY WESTERN BOYS** at MacGregor Park (East Broadway, Derry 432-6136) on Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m. Boldly drags bluegrass off to a place it's never been before.



Somebody put me together

Across

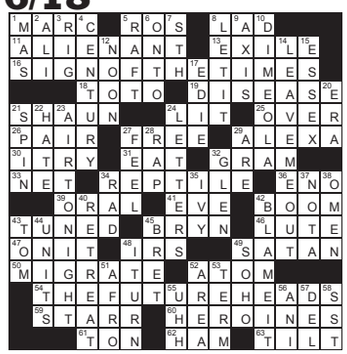
1. Jams
5. Might come out when belting
9. 'Country Is My Rock' Tomlinson
14. Faith No More "Return to my own vomit like __ __" (1,3)
15. You Am I '__ __ Way' (2,2)
16. John Fogerty "Sometimes I think life is just a __"
17. Jamiroquai smash video (7,8)
20. Reggae man __-A-Mouse
21. 'Piece Of Me' __ Row
22. Grandmaster Flash 'White __'
23. John Denver 'I Guess He'd Rather __ __ Colorado' (2,2)
24. R&Ber Braxton
25. '90 Faith No More 'The Real Thing' hit (7,2,6)
32. John Mellancamp hit 'Check __ __' (2,3)
33. Jewel song about prayer's last word?
34. Iconic lyricist w/last name David
35. Death metal belt?
36. Ween 'Stroker __'
37. Ford of The Runaways
38. '02 Mudvayne album 'The __ Of All Things To Come'
39. Faith No More "Stipped to the __"
41. 1976's 'I Can't Hear You No More' Reddy
42. '09 Horse The Band album about junkie life? (9,6)
46. Bob Geldof band Boomtown __
47. Irish blues guitarist Gallagher
48. You take one w/your camera
50. Yo La Tengo 'Let's __ Tony Orlando's House'
51. Motion City Soundtrack (abbr)
54. "Like the coldest winter chill" Alice In Chains song (6,6,3)
57. What wardrobe will do to leather pants that don't fit
58. Target consumer for pop, perhaps
59. '03 Guided By Voices album 'Earthquake __'
60. 'Jollification' band Lightning __
61. Randy Travis 'Pick Up The __ And Row'
62. '__!...I Did It Again'



Down

1. Good review
2. '05 Mötley Crüe song 'If __ __ Tomorrow' (1,3)
3. Jon Fishman band __ Tornado
4. __ Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band (abbr)
5. Eddie Money smash that makes you tremble, perhaps
6. Talking Heads 'Lifetime __ Up'
7. Marcos Hernandez '__ __ Known' (2,2)
8. America "Oz never did give nothing to the __ man"
9. The Clash '__ __ Vain' (5,2)
10. Lynyrd Skynyrd's Van Zant
11. "Always said you were a youthquaker __" Cult
12. Brings home, after marketing costs13. Martika '__ Soldiers'
18. The Tragically Hip "__ __ all up, don't save a thing for later" (3,2)
19. Might be on the up or down one
23. 'Parklife' English guys
24. Faith No More "Give the same __ __ then I'll be closer" (2,2)
25. Pat Benatar 'All __ Up'
26. Make it up to ousted member
27. Band does this w/equipment, into van
28. Musical term for silence
29. Red Hot __ Peppers
30. Diana Ross '__ Alive'
31. Shins 'New __'
36. Whose 'Song' is was, to Silverchair
37. Impose, as a ticket charge
39. Billy Vera & The __
40. 'Central Reservation' Beth
41. Chris Rea '___ Gun'
43. What Bruce Springsteen did 'All Night', with "it"
44. Thom Yorke debut solo album 'The __'
45. Lynyrd Skynyrd 'Good __ Hard To Find'
48. Rockers inspired by a soccer great?
49. Faith No More "The thing you __ the most"
50. Bob Mould '__ __ Little Light' (3,1)
51. Coldplay '__ Xyloto'
52. Plasmatics album '__ d'État'
53. What ousted member does in court
54. Jack Johnson 'The Horizon __ Been Defeated'
55. They 'Let It Ride' (abbr)
56. It may need stroking by producer

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Chen Yang Li
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63 High St. 938-2100

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Back Room at the Mill
2 Central St. 744-0405
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28 Central Sq. 744-7800
Rumor Mill
50 S Main St, 217-0971

Brookline
Cozy Tea Cart
104 Rte 13 249-9111
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99 Route 13 672-1800

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Barley House
132 N. Main 228-6363
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17 Depot St. 228-0180
Granite
96 Pleasant St. 227-9000
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11 Hills Ave. 224-5669
Makris
354 Sheep Davis Road 225-7665
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6 Pleasant St. 228-9833
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Cedar St. 746-5191

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Makris: Gardner Berry

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7th Settlement: Jim Dozet
Cara: Bluegrass w/ Steve Roy
Dover Brickhouse: Benjamin Cook - Acoustic
Fury's: Blacklight Ruckus

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Telly's: Joe McDonald

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Pimentos: Thursday Night Live

Hampton
Boardwalk: Ryan Williamson/J Street Extension
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Hanover
Canoe Club: True Tales W/Out A Net: The Cc'S Storytelling
Salt hill Pub: Irish Trad' Session Randy Miller/Roger Kahle

Lebanon
Salt hill Pub: Celtic Open Session

Londonderry
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Whippersnappers: Bobby Livingston Band

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Central Ale: Jonny Friday Blues
City Sports Grille: DJ Dave
Club 313: DJ Pez & DJ Carlos
Derryfield: Rob & Jody
Fratello's: Jazz Night
Karma: DJ Midas, SP1 & Reed on drums
Milly's: Lakes Region Big Band
Murphy's: MB Padfield
Penuche's: Red Sky Mary
Portland Pie: Acoustic Series
Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: The Shift
Strange Brew: Bruce Marshall Sessions
Wild Rover: Peter Higgins
Zaboo: Ryan Nichols/DJ Harry

Merrimack
Homestead: Malcolm Salls

Milford
Chapanga's: Brad Bosse Jam

Nashua
110 Grill: Pat Gendron
Arena: College Night, DJ Hizzy
Country Tavern: Mark Burns
Portland Pie: Acoustic Series
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28 Jones Rd. 672-2333

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14 W. Hollis St.
821-5260
99 Restaurant
10 St. Laurent St.
883-9998
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8 Temple St. 204-5534
Arena
53 High St. 881-9060
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240 Main Dustable Road 889-9838
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889-5871
Cucina Toscana
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Haluwa Lounge
Nashua Mall 883-6662
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212 Main St. 595-9334
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121 Main St. 886-7363
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Riverwalk
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Molly's Tavern
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New London
Flying Goose
40 Andover Road
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Newington
Paddy's
27 International Drive
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Newmarket
KJ's Sports Bar
22 North Main St.
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Lamprey River Tavern
110 Main St. 659-3696
Stone Church
5 Granite St. 659-7700
Three Chimneys
17 Newmarket Rd.
868-7800

Newport
Salt Hill Pub
58 Main St. 863-7774

North Hampton
Locals Restaurant & Pub 215 Lafayette Rd.
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Peterborough
Harlow's Pub
3 School St. 924-6365
Waterhouse
18 Depot St. 547-8323

Pelham
Shooters
116 Bridge St. 635-3577

Pittsfield
Molly's Tavern
32 Main St. 487-2011

Plaistow
Crow's Nest
181 Plaistow Road
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Portsmouth
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Press Room
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107 State St. 373-6827
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Rudi's
20 High St. 430-7834
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Gary's
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Seven Barrel Brewery
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Park Place Lanes, Route 28 800-892-0568

Plaistow
Racks: Blues Jam w/ Steve Devine

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Royal Sons
Fat Belly's: DJ Flex
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Allysen Callery
Press Room: Willie Watson
Red Door: Narrow/Arrow/New Legs/Sea Cycles/Lilith
Rudi's: Chris O'Neil & Guest
Thirsty Moose: Lonely Ghosts Collective

Rochester
Smokey's Tavern: Evan Brock

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Artty Raynes

Windham
Common Man: Karen Grenier

Friday, June 26

Belmont
Lakes Region Casino: DJ Russ

Boscawen
Alan's: Jeff Mrozek

Bristol
Purple Pit: Steven Kirby Trio

Concord
Cheers: Bob French
Makris: Sum Times 4
Penuche's Ale House: Dopamine
Red Blazer: John Anthony
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
True Brew: Market Days music

Contoocook
Covered Bridge: Mike & Danielle

Dover
Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Cara: Club Night w/ DJ Shawnny O
Dover Brickhouse: The Shift
Fury's: Red Sky Mary
Top of the Chop: Funkadelic Fridays

Epping
Holy Grail: Robert Charles
Popovers: Chris Hayes
Telly's: Brian Johnson

Francestown
Toll Booth: 3 For The Taking

Gilford
Patrick's: Doug Thompson

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Amberly Gibbs & Bob Pratte

Hampton
Boardwalk Inn: Jim Dozet
North Beach: Truffle
Savory Square: Joe Riillo
Sea Ketch: JD Ingalls, Doug Mitchell
Wally's Pub: Whiskey Wild

Hanover
Canoe Club: Tom Pirozzoli

Hillsborough
Mama McDonough's: Ajar Project/Craic Addicts

Hooksett
Asian Breeze: George Belli & The Retroactivists

Laconia
Paradise: Deja Voodoo
Pitman's: Jeremy Wallace Trio

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Chris Cavanaugh
Whippersnappers: Bobby Livingston Band

Manchester
Central Ale House: DJ Vicious/ DJ SP1 Mother Funkin Fridays
City Sports Grille: The Clones
Club 313: DJ Bob
Derryfield: Dos Monkeys/Peace Riot
Drynk: DJs Jason Spivak & Sammy Smoove
Fratello's: Steve Sibulkin
Jewel: Leading Ladies of Rock
ManchVegas: The Boys Of Rockingham
Milly's: Shadowlynx
Murphy's: Amanda Cote/Take Four
N'awlins: ILM
Penuche's: Biscuits & Gravy/ Young Pandas
Raxx: DJ Mike
Strange Brew: BJ Magoon & Sideways
Tin Roof: Fridays With Frydae
Wild Rover: John Ridlon
Zaboo: Dueling Pianos

Merrimack
Homestead: Malcolm Salls

Milford
Tiebreakers: Robert Allwarden

Nashua
Country Tavern: Kim Riley
Haluwa: Double Take
Peddler's Daughter: Beneath the Sheets
Riverwalk: Perry Bakalos Group
Stella Blu: Haley Gowland

New Boston
Molly's: Wooden Soul, Justin Cohn

Newmarket
Stone Church: Aldous Collins Band (early), Gretchen & the Pickpockets/Ghost Dinner Band (late)

Peterborough
Harlow's: Ghosts of Jupiter

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Joe Young
Café Nostimo: Dan Walker
Demeters: Sharon Jones
Dolphin Striker: Blue Birds
Grill 28: Jay Psaros
Martingale: Don Campbell Duo
Oar House: Bob Arens
Portsmouth Book & Bar: La Madeline
Portsmouth Gaslight: Tim Theriault Band/Flashback Friday w/DJ Koko P/Tony Santesse/Brian Gray
Press Room: Harsh Armadillo
Red Door: Joe Bermudez Mass Movement /Judd Parsons
Ri Ra: Without Paris
Rudi's: Chris O'Neil & Guest
Thirsty Moose: Business Time

Rochester
Radloff's: Dancing Madly Backwards Duo

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Doubleshot Boston

Somersworth
Old Rail Pizza Co: The Deviant

Warner
The Local: Chelsea Paolini

Weare
Stark House Tavern: Brad Bosse

Saturday, June 27

Belmont
Lakes Region Casino: Jimmy & The Jesters

Boscawen
Alan's: Lisa Guyer

Bristol
Back Room: Audrey Drake
Purple Pit: John Funkhouser Group

Concord
Cheers: Paul Lovely
Hermanos: Mike Stockbridge
Penuche's: Ghost Dinner Band
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
True Brew: Dusty Gray - Final Farewell

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Thursday, June 25
Derry
Halligan Tavern: Ben Kronberg/Sean Tumblety/Nick Lavallee/Nico Piccone

Nashua
Fody's: Comedy on Purpose – Host Alana Susko

Friday, June 26
Manchester
Headliners: Steve Bjork

Saturday, June 27
Manchester
Drynk: Saturday Night Large w/ Wood & Martinez
Headliners: Steve Bjork

Monday, June 29
Concord
Penuche's: Punchlines (Open)

Nashua
Thirsty Turtle: Comedy Challenge







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Contoocook
Covered Bridge: Michael James Duo

Derry
Drae: Joel Cage

Dover
Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Cara: Club Night, DJ Shawnny O
Dover Brickhouse: Awake at Last/Kraken's Beard/Cross the Divide
Fury's Publick House: All We Are reunion

East Hampstead
Pasta Loft Brickhouse: THR33

Epping
Holy Grail: Boo Boo Groove
Telly's: Bob Rutherford

Epsom
Hilltop: Rory Scott Band

Gilford
Patrick's: The New Prophets

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Dead UnderCover

Hampton
Boardwalk Inn: Amanda McCarthy
North Beach: Brickyard Blues
Savory Square: Sharon Jones
Sea Ketch: Steve Tolley, Leo and Co
The Goat: Justin Bethune
Wally's Pub: The Bars

Hanover
Canoe Club: Barbra Blaisdale & Tim Utt

Hillsborough
Turismo: The Installers

Hooksett
Tap House: The Groove Cats

Hudson
JD Chaser's: Michael Spaulding

Laconia
Paradise Beach Club: Mugsy

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Steve Sibulkin

Whippersnappers: Wildfire

Loudon
Hungry Buffalo: WiseGuy

Manchester
City Sports Grille: Vital Signs
Club 313: Life's A Drag Hosted by Monique
Derryfield: D-Comp/Triple Tantrum
Fratello's: Josh Foster
Jewel: Danny Klein's Full House (J. Geils)
KC's Rib Shack: The Deviant
ManchVegas: Without Paris
Midnight Rodeo: Fried Cactus
Modern Gypsy: Insubordination, A Minor Revolution
Murphy's: Beyond the Pale/Scott McRae
N'awlins Grille: Catfish Howl
Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: To The Gallows
Strange Brew: Bees Deluxe
Tin Roof: Pat Foley
Wild Rover: Sidecar
Zaboo: Dueling Pianos

Mason
Marty's Driving Range: Roots of Creation RoC the Range IX

Merrimack
Homestead: Marc Apostolides

Milford
Aden China: DJ Brian
Lefty's Lanes: Justin Cohn

Nashua
Boston Billiard: DJ Anthem Throwback
Country Tavern: Brian Kellett
Haluwa: Double Take
Peddler's Daughter: Take 4
Riverwalk: Squeezebox Stompers
Stella Blu: Wooden Soul

New Boston
Molly's: Brian Richards/Pete Smith

Newmarket
Stone Church: Superfrog/Bella's Bartok

Pittsfield
Molly's: Justin Jordan Band

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Eric Sommer
British Beer: Jim Devlin Band
Café Nostimo: Delanie Pickering
Demeters: Sounds of Sinatra
Dolphin Striker: The Brad Faucher Trio
Fat Belly's: DJ Provo
Hilton Garden: Dave Gerard
Martingale: Michael Troy & Dave Mattacks
Oar House: Don Severance
Portsmouth Gaslight: Peter Higgins/Duke/Nightclub w/DJ Koko P/Max Sullivan/Chris Cavanaugh
Red Door: Gary Kim
Ri Ra: Cover Me Badd
Rudi's: Pj Donahue Trio
Thirsty Moose: Timberfakes

Salem
Barking Bean: Dave LaCroix

Salem
Sayde's: Kick Start Music Fest

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Bad Magic

Weare
Stark House: Scott McRae

Sunday, June 28

Bedford
Copper Door: Brad Bosse

Claremont
Common Man: Lane Gibson, Jr.

Concord
Cheers: Mike Morris
Hermanos: John Franzosa
Makris: Johnny James

Dover
Cara: Irish Session w/ Carol Coronis & Ramona Connelly
Dover Brickhouse: Jazz Brunch
Sonny's: Jim Dozet

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Blues Jam

Hampton
Boardwalk: John "Shorty" Hill
North Beach: Rippin' E Brakes
Sea Ketch: Tony Santesse, Ray Zerkle

Hanover
Canoe Club: Keith Bush

Hillsborough
Mama McDonough's: Brad Bosse

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: Joe McDonald

Manchester
Derryfield: John Ridlon
Drynk: Beach Bash w/ Sammy Smoove
Milly's: UniTeaNH: Pride Edition
Murphy's: Sinatra Sunday/Kevin White
Shaskeen: Rap, Industry night
Strange Brew: One Big Soul - Sit Session

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Open Stage

Nashua
110 Grill: Carlos V Ramos
Burton's Grill: Aaron Chase
Riverwalk: Celtic/North American Music Session

New Boston
Molly's: Brian Kallett

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Rob Thomas
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Cormac McCarthy
Portsmouth Gaslight: Chad Verbeck/Bluegrass w/Jerks Of Grass
Red Door: Green Lion Crew

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Rochester
Radloff's: James McGarvey

Monday, June 29

Concord
Hermanos: John Franzosa

Hampton
Boardwalk Inn: Joe Young
Sea Ketch: JD Ingalls, Ray Zerkle

Hanover
Canoe: Marko The Magician

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: Monday's Muse - Lisa Guyer w/ guest

Manchester
Derryfield: MB Padfield
Fratello's: Rob Wolfe or Phil Jacques
Murphy's: Peter Higgins

Merrimack
Homestead: Doug Thompson

Newmarket
Stone Church: Wild Eagle Blues Band

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Old School
Press Room: Rob Duquette
Red Door: Hush Hush - Alexandru Sabau/Chenda Cope
Ri Ra: Oran Mor

Tuesday, June 30

Concord
Hermanos: Mike Walsh

Dover
Fury's: Tim Theriault
Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

Hampton
Boardwalk: Barry Arvin Young

Hampton
Sea Ketch: Steve Tolley / Leo and Co

Hanover
Canoe Club: Jack Beecham

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: VJ Mark/DJ Dave

Manchester
Derryfield: Brandon Lapere
Drynk: Sammy Smoove, DJ Gera
Fratello's: Steve Sibulkin
Milly's: Manchuka
Murphy's: Paul Rainone
Raxx: DJ Mike
Strange Brew: Peter Parcek

Merrimack
Homestead: Paul Luff

Nashua
110 Grill: Jeff Mrozek

Newmarket
Stone Church: Bluegrass Jam w/ Dave Talmage

Peterborough
Harlow's: Celtic Music Night

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Seldom Playrights (Hank & Cash)
Dolphin Striker: Jim Dozet
Press Room: Larry Garland Jazz Jam/Madaila

Wednesday, July 1

Dover
Fury's: Kenny Brothers

Gilford
Patrick's: DJ Megan

Hampton
Bernie's Beach Bar: Rob Benton
Boardwalk: Back On The Train
Sea Ketch: Dave Gerard/Leo and Co/Ross McGinnes

Hanover
Canoe Club: Gillian Joy

Manchester
Derryfield: Paul Rainone (Deck)
Fratello's: Chris Gardner
Murphy's: Peter Higgins
Strange Brew: Jon Ross
Tin Roof: DJ Vicious
Zaboo: Dance Music, Guest DJs

Merrimack
Homestead: Phil Jacques
Tortilla Flat: Rob Thomas

Nashua
Country Tavern: Charlie Chronopolous Jam

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Side Car
Press Room: Rockspring
Red Door: Red On Red w/ Evaredy (Ladies Night)
Ri Ra: Erin's Guild
Rudi's: Dimitri Solo Piano
Thirsty Moose: Hot Like Fire

Rochester
Lilac City: Ladies Night Music
Radloff's: Tony Santesse - Ladies Night

NITE CONCERTS

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- **Blue Oyster Cult/Robbie Krieger** Thursday, June 25, 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom
- **Happy Together Tour** Friday, June 26, 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom
- **Kidz Bop** Friday, June 26, 8 p.m. Cap Center
- **Mike Gordon** Friday, June 26, 7:30 p.m. Boarding House Park
- **Madeline Peyroux** Saturday, June 27, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Kristin Hersh** Saturday, June 27, 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft
- **Lynyrd Skynyrd/Blackberry Smoke** Saturday, June 27, 8 p.m. Meadowbrook
- **Pat Travers Band** Sunday, June 28, 8 p.m. Tupelo
- **Las Cafeteras** Sunday, June 28, 8 p.m. Music Hall Loft
- **Tower of Power** Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. Boarding House Park
- **Mary Chapin Carpenter (Voices United Benefit)** Wednesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m. Music Hall

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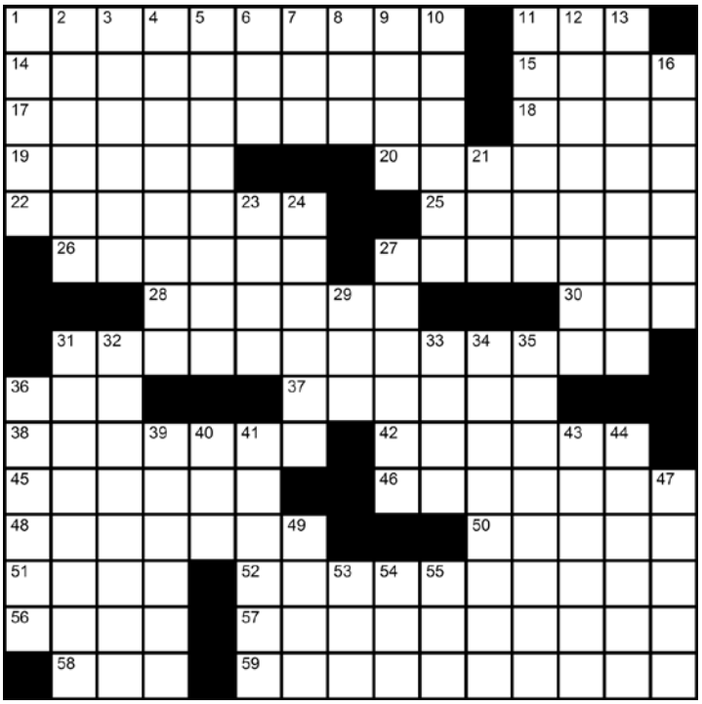
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"Sweet Freedom" — freestylin' it.

Across

1 Nullifies
11 Basketball hoop part
14 Savory bakery appetizers
15 Hungarian wine city
17 "Tommy" star
18 The heart's location?
19 Hard rain
20 Straddled
22 Service pieces
25 Prefix before pod or pub
26 Drake's genre, derisively
27 Target for some vacuum attachments
28 Henner of "Taxi"
30 Figure out
31 "Deliverance" piece
36 "Save us!"
37 Words before well or often
38 Lifelong
42 Head-of-the-line boast
45 Subway in a Duke Ellington tune
46 They chase in chase scenes
48 Tony with a Lifetime Achievement Grammy
50 Attacked on foot
51 Times long gone?
52 Upgrade from black-and-white
56 Submission tape
57 NPR show covering journalism
58 "Solaris" author Stanislaw ___
59 "Here goes nothing"



Down

1 Get down without much energy?
2 Founder of the American Shakers
3 Workday start, for some
4 Phrase of reassurance, to a Brit
5 F flat, enharmonically
6 Copier option smaller than 29-Down
7 Go limp
8 Hockey legend Bobby
9 Early Coloradans
10 Booster phase on some rockets
11 Unoriginal idea
12 "Whoa, look at the time ..."
13 Photo album contents?
16 Do the news
21 Arm art, for short
23 ___-mutuel (type of betting)
24 Relating to a certain column
27 Out in the open
29 Copier option larger than 6-Down
31 Eurasian cousin of the plover
32 Password accompaniment
33 Airy beginning?
34 Like 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 12
35 Onetime R.J. Reynolds mascot
36 Bottom of the ocean
39 1996 Gibson/Sinise flick
40 Never, to Nietzsche
41 Aphid that produces honeydew
43 Olivia Newton-John film of 1980
44 Lamentable
47 Slab of meat
49 "Beloved" writer Morrison
53 Capt. juniors
54 "Now I understand!"
55 "Automatic for the People" group

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All quotes are from *Paddle Your Own Canoe: One Man's Fundamentals for Delicious Living*, by Nick Offerman, born June 26, 1970.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *I had always been an A student, as I said, but I would do only just enough work to get ninety-threes and ninety-fours. I didn't care about getting 100 percent. ... Once I got into theater school, that changed overnight.* When you're doing what you love, you're going to excel.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *A word about live theater: A great many of you have likely never seen a production at your local small theater company. I urge you to correct that deficit, as live theater is loaded with a certain sense of altruism that cannot be found in any other art form.* Try it, you'll like it.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Take the cleverness you apply to Words with Friends and utilize it to make some kick-ass corn bread. Corn Bread with Friends — try that game.* You will win at both this week.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *BE YOURSELF. ... When you read the audition scene, don't ever think, what do I think these people want to see? Because that just weakens your strength, what makes you special.* You're probably wrong about what you think people want to see.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *It's like the Iron Man suit. As much as Robert Downey Jr. loves to play that particular iteration of Tony Stark, it would hardly be appropriate (though yes, it would be awesome) for him to wear that suit to the grocery store or the beach.* Don't wear your Iron Man suit to the beach.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *If one is bewitched by woodworking (as I am) and one begins a program of study (as I have), then one must first assay the classic joinery — the mortise-and-tenon, the dovetail, the sliding dovetail, the mitre joint, the box joint, the finger joint. Eventually everything breaks down into simple techniques.* It's a good time to work on simple techniques.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *I'm just going to proffer this opinion: The people making stuff are generally less wealthy but much happier overall. Less bored, less bitter, more satisfied. The trick is to flush out decades of conditioning by advertisers. ... turn a blind eye to all of that information and look to the billboard in your head. What does it tell you? Mine says, 'Hey, Jasper. You should build a kayak and then paddle it in the ocean.'* Make stuff this week.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *What I had learned was that I don't achieve my happiness by taking it easy, but instead by using my time and abilities to be productive.* This could be a very productive week.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *Many people react adversely when I suggest a venturing into nature of any sort, sometimes stating without shame that they don't want to 'get dirty.' I tend to stare silently for a moment in response, containing my disappointment, before calmly explaining to them that getting dirty is the whole point.* It's time to get dirty.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *Don't dress like a cop when you're auditioning for a cop part. You don't need a cowboy hat when you audition for* Bonanza. *You're never going to score points that way. ... The best outfit you can wear is confidence.* Your wardrobe isn't the most important thing.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *It was really hard to learn that I didn't have to accept every job offered.*

You don't.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Get yourself a kayak or canoe. I don't even care if you don't craft it by hand out of wood. I don't. You should at least make your own paddle, though; that's not asking too much. Now get out on the water, and view all of the same exquisite scenery from a silently gliding watercraft. One mighty advantage of the small boat is your stealth factor.* Try to be observant.

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Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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Friday, August 7
LYLE LOVETT &
HIS LARGE BAND

Friday, August 14
BRUCE HORNSBY
& THE NOISEMAKERS

Friday, August 15
WARREN HAYNES

Saturday, August 22
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What cannibals can teach us

Researchers studying the human-brain-eating Fore tribe of Papua New Guinea reported in a June journal article that they have identified the specific "prion" resistance gene that appears to offer complete protection against mad cow disease and perhaps other neurodegenerative conditions such as dementias and Parkinson's. The tribe customarily dined on relatives' brains at funerals (although has abandoned the practice) and consequently suffered a major 1950s epidemic that wiped out 2 percent of the tribe annually. According to the lead researcher, survivors, with the specific resistance gene, demonstrated "a striking example of Darwinian evolution in humans."

Recurring themes

• Spouses often disagree politically and vote accordingly, but occasionally one runs for office against the other — as is the case in Bremerton, Washington, where incumbent Councilmember Roy Runyon is being challenged by his wife, Kim Faulkner. Both were mum as to reasons and in fact filed their registration papers together at the same time in May. Said Runyon: "We're different people. She might have a different approach."

• India's media reported in April yet another birth defect in which the surviving baby is treated as a representation of Hindu holiness. A four-armed, four-legged child (medical explanation: remains of an underdeveloped conjoined twin) is worshipped as the reincarnation of the multi-limbed Lord Ganesha, and pilgrims journey from all over India to the birthplace, Dumri-Isri in Jharkhand state. (In a nod to modernity, one witness told a reporter that initially he had thought a photograph of the child was "Photoshopped," but now has seen the baby with his own eyes.)

• Once again, in May, lawyers went to court trying to persuade a judge that some rights under the U.S. Constitution be extended to intelligent apes (here, chimpanzees, as "autonomous and self-determining beings" at least as perceptive as, for example, severely mentally ill people, who retain rights while institutionalized). Lawyers are once again asking for a writ of habeas corpus (now available only to humans) to take Hercules and Leo out of a lab and into a sanctuary. (Adding to the discussion, in the week after the court hearing, a Harvard professor and colleagues, writing in the journal Current Anthropology, hypothesized that chimps could cook foods if given the chance. Tests revealed that they resist raw food when they are able to place it into a device that made it taste better which in theory makes them more intelligent than children who eat cookie dough.)

Human rights

• In April, London's Daily Mail spotted Anna Broom of Gillingham declaring that despite her various disorders that keep her from working, she nonetheless imagines a first-class wedding with champagne, horse-drawn carriage and Mexico honeymoon all at government expense because that would be her "human right." She told a reporter that a small ceremony at a government office would not boost her confidence, but that her "dream" wedding would be just the thing to get her back on a job search.

• The most recent exposition of people who tattoo their eyeballs, at the International Tattoo Festival in Caracas, in February, featured the phenomenon's founder, Mr. Luna Cobra, who said it all started when he tried to create "bright blue" eyes, as in the 1984 film "Dune." (Pigment is injected, permanently, so that it rests under the eye's thin top layer, the conjunctiva.) Asked what the process feels like, devotee Kylie Garth told BBC News, "It was mentally intense," resembling an eye poke, pressure and "a bit of sand" but "no pain." Mr. Cobra urged young people to get their jobs before trying eye tats, since "you're going to look frightening forever to the majority of people you encounter."

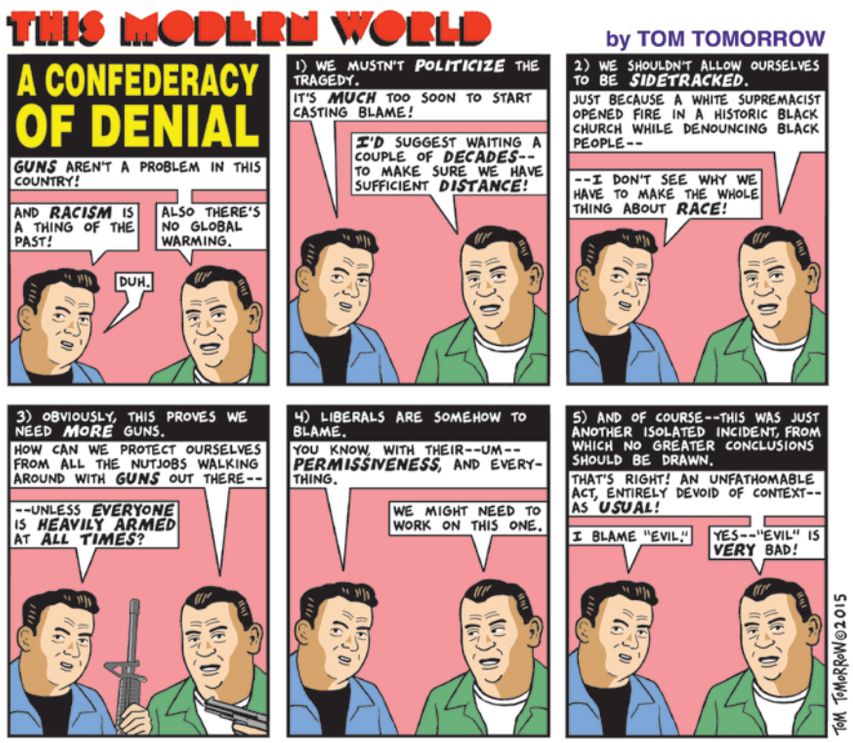
News of the Weird updates

• News of the Weird has remarked on modern, over-the-top versions of the centuries-old tradition in China of making funerals entertaining, to attract mourners and thereby signify that the deceased did not die "faceless." In the recent past, festive song-and-dance acts were hired, and soon, in the competition for attendees, some families took to hiring strippers to perform even "obscene" acts, "severely pollut(ing)" the culture, according to a critic. In April, the Ministry of Culture, previously somewhat tolerant because of sensitivity for the families, formally denounced the practice and began detaining the traveling performers.

• Backyard firing ranges are legal in Florida (as News of the Weird reported last year), and in March a Florida House committee voted to keep it that way, shooting down legislation to outlaw them even in urban and residential areas. (Firing on private property is legal except if shooting over a public right-of-way or an occupied dwelling, and "negligent" gunfire, though illegal, is only a misdemeanor.) In 2014, one Florida legislator, originally from Alaska, said even in that liberty-conscious state, residents in urban Anchorage do not have rights that Floridians have.

• The South Pacific islanders on the Vanuatu island of Tanna believe that 2016 will be the year that the man they inexplicably worship as a god Britain's Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh will finally visit them. One highly regarded islander told a London Daily Telegraph correspondent in New Zealand that the cult is starved for a visit, since Philip's only contact since the 1940s has been via gifts (one, the most treasured, an autographed photo). Legendary Vanuatuan "Chief Jack" was convinced that Philip was a descendant of island royalty.

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